

Baker to offer teachers 16% over two years

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is today expected to offer teachers an average 16 per cent rise spread over two years on condition that they accept a legally binding definition of their duties and a new salary structure incorporating merit payments.

The new package, which breaks with the outline Coventry agreement between the unions and the local authority employers in its emphasis on hardening attitudes among the unions, Mr Baker, in his

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has bowed to the political imperative of avoiding classroom disruption in the run-up to an election.

All now hinges on the Nottingham meeting. If this fails to accept Mr Baker's proposals, he is almost certain to fall back on draft legislation imposing the new contracts on teachers.

But, aware of the dangers of hardening attitudes among the unions, Mr Baker, in his

for from the Treasury's contingency reserve, with local authorities also picking up part of the bill, is likely to be paid in instalments, with 8 per cent from January and another 8 per cent a year later.

Mr Baker's proposals are closely modelled on those of the Main Committee covering Scottish teachers, which recommended rises of 16.4 per cent over 18 months. Mr Baker lost his battle to preserve the phrasing of this award.

Main envisaged a salary ceiling of £12,900 a year for most teachers with their more senior colleagues able to look forward to earnings of up to £17,500, depending on age, experience and ability. The ceiling for heads of the biggest schools would be £28,500.

The same kind of figures are likely to apply to the 400,000 teachers in England and Wales under the Baker package.

The Coventry deal, now repudiated by the Secretary of State, set out a ceiling of £14,500 for most teachers with a smaller gap between them and the high fliers.

Important questions still remain over the future of the discredited Burnham negotiating machinery, and who should exercise management responsibility for school staff. Governors, given greater powers under the new Education Bill that becomes law next year, may eventually be given a greater role in hiring and firing staff, and determining salaries.

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statement to the House today, will make only passing reference to the real but veiled threat of new laws in the next session of Parliament.

However, whether by voluntary agreement or compulsion, ministers are determined to have a contract that specifies teachers' duties inside and outside the classroom.

It will commit them to stand in for absent colleagues, attend parent and staff meetings, accept assessment of job performance, lesson preparation and marking homework, and pull their weight in supervising after-school activities such as school teams, clubs and societies.

It was the refusal to carry out these so-called voluntary duties that caused much of the mayhem in the 15-month bout of disruption that came to an uncertain and temporary halt in the spring.

The rise, expected to be paid



Prince launches new youth scheme

The Prince of Wales playing football at the Manchester Business School yesterday where he announced the launch of a new youth enterprise scheme to provide the country with

badly needed resources. The Prince's Youth Business Trust will offer seedcorn finance.

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Westland 'disaster' for Tories

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Leon Brittan, the former Trade Secretary who resigned from the Government over his part in the Westland affair, yesterday admitted that the breakdown of Cabinet collective responsibility had been a "disaster" for the Government and strongly attacked his former colleague, Mr Michael Heseltine, the then Defence Secretary.

The Government had been "thwarted at every turn by one of its own members", he said during the Commons debate on the Defence Select Committee's report on Westland.

In a renewed assault on the Prime Minister's conduct during the affair, the Opposition once more demanded Mrs Thatcher's resignation. Leading the attack, Mr Denis Davies, Labour's defence spokesman, said that the leaking of the letter from the Solicitor General criticising Mrs Thatcher had been an unconstitutional act. By expressing her desire that the contents of the letter should be put into the public domain, Mrs Thatcher had been responsible for willing the means adopted by her civil servants.

To Labour cheers, he said that if the civil servants who leaked the letter had not been acting on her orders then they should be punished. If they were, then she should be punished. Parliament, page 4 Frank Johnson, page 22

Argentina accused Falklands fishing zone set by Howe

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, last night accused Argentina of aggression and obstruction, and announced the unilateral imposition of a strict 150-mile fishing zone around the Falklands.

In a move that will clearly worsen Anglo-Argentine relations, he told the Commons that while the Conservation and Management Zone was designed to stop serious overfishing by a number of countries, it had been caused mainly by Argentina.

The zone will be policed by two fisheries protection vessels and a surveillance aircraft. But Sir Geoffrey stressed that "the resources of the garrison remain available to deter Argentine aggression and maintain the integrity of the protection zone".

The extent of the zone has been carefully set so that it does not intrude into waters that Argentina can claim fall within its 200-mile limit. But Sir Geoffrey also emphasised the entitlement of the Falklands, under international law, to its own 200-mile limit.

Mr Denis Healey, the shadow foreign secretary, claimed Sir Geoffrey's statement had emboldened the Government "still deeper in the quagmire of the Falklands commitment".

US report urges huge campaign against Aids

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The American government should start a billion-dollar research and information campaign on Aids to prevent a national catastrophe, according to a major study released here yesterday.

The 375-page report, by a panel of American experts, was sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and the Institute of Medicine. It is said to be the most comprehensive study of the Aids crisis to date.

The report says a co-ordinated programme against Aids would cost \$2 billion (£1.37 billion) annually by the end of the decade.

It says that Aids threatened to kill 50,000 Americans a year by 1991 and would affect an increasing number of heterosexuals and children.

"Sex education in the schools is no longer only advice about reproductive choice," the panel said, "but has now become advice about a life or death matter."

Aids required "perhaps the most wide-ranging and intensive efforts ever made against an infectious disease".

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Libby Purves on why an Englishman's castle is not his home without an English dog

Law finals Full results of the 1986 Law Society summer final examinations

Portfolio

The £4,000 prize in the Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared yesterday by five readers - details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 27; how to play, information service, page 22.

On This Day

In 1929, "Black Tuesday" was the worst day of a bad week on the New York Stock Exchange. Page 19

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Trust retreats

Hanson Trust has climbed down over its plans to split the Courage pension funds and to take control of an estimated £80 million pension surplus. Page 23

Goodyear buys

Goodyear Tyre & Rubber refused to comment on reports that a takeover bid by Sir James Goldsmith was imminent. Page 23

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Garner accuses

Joel Garner, the Somerset cricketer, severely criticized the county's captain, Peter Roebuck, and the club, alleging mismanagement and bad captaincy. Page 46

Inside look

In a further extract from his new book, the former Minister for Sport, Mr Neil Macfarlane, reveals the intrigue behind the Glenageles Declaration on sporting links with South Africa. Page 41

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Labour's divided left loses in poll

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The influence of the Labour left was weakened further yesterday as two prominent parliamentary figures, including Mr Robin Cook, Mr Neil Kinnock's chief campaign strategist, were voted out of the party's Shadow Cabinet.

The two main left groups, Tribune and Campaign, were angrily blaming each other after elections which saw the centre-right consolidate its hold but left Mr Kinnock satisfied with his authority entrenched.

The left's poor showing resulted from the failure of the two groups to agree a joint state because of the Campaign Group's insistence that MPs should have votes recorded.

Out went Mr Cook, a severe reverse after his fifth place last year and Mr Robert Hughes, the transport spokesman. In came Dr David Clark, increasing the representation of the centre-right among the 15 elected places from nine to 10, and Mr Bryan Gould, of the soft left, who won votes from all wings because of his widely respected ability as spokesman on trade and industry.

Mr John Prescott and Mr Michael Meacher suffered serious drops in support, with Mr Meacher, health and social security spokesman, falling to fifteenth place. Mr Tony Benn secured only 50 votes.

Mr Meacher lost out because of differences with Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's shadow chancellor, over the costing of programmes. Mr

Cook also suffered from the fact that he is not popular and because he is often away from the Commons and has had no opportunity to shine on the front-bench.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, home affairs spokesman, finished top of the poll again. Mr John Smith, chief trade and industry spokesman, rose from seventh to second place, a reward for his skilled performances during the Westland and Leyland affairs. Another surprise was the rise from thirteenth to third place of Mr Denis Davies, defence spokesman.

Mr Gould is seen as a rising star. Although Mr Kinnock does not intend a substantial reshuffle, it is thought that he will want to give Mr Gould an important portfolio.

Hand grenade caused Thai jet blast

From David Watts, Tokyo

A hand grenade smuggled on board caused the explosion on the Thai International Airbus A300 which made an emergency landing at Osaka last weekend, police said yesterday.

They suspect the grenade was taken on to the aircraft by a Japanese gangster, probably during the stop in Manila on the flight from Bangkok.

Officials of the manufacturers, Airbus Industrie, were at Osaka airport yesterday

when police examined more than 40 tiny holes and scratches in the aircraft's skin, which are believed to have been caused by the explosion of an American-made M26A2 grenade or something similar.

Metal fragments and powder which the police picked up from the aircraft's fuselage are incompatible with metal used in the airliner.

A man who was found injured in the toilet after the explosion is being questioned by Osaka police. He was rescued after being caught,

head-first in the hole made in the floor of the aircraft's toilet compartment.

The Philippines is a favourite source of weapons and explosives for Japanese gangsters. Since January this year Osaka police have uncovered 52 cases of smuggling guns and hemp through Osaka airport.

The injured man was drunk when taken off the aircraft and the suspicion is that whoever caused the explosion may have gone to the toilet to hide the grenade on his person before arrival in Osaka.

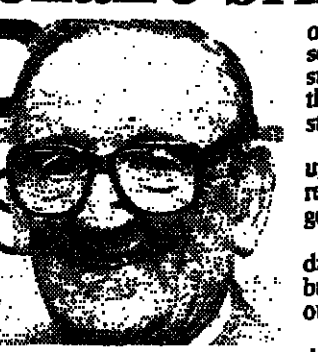
Green Shield millionaire brings back stamps

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Green Shield stamps, a high street phenomenon for 25 years through the Sixties and Seventies, are on the way back, on offer from the man who originated them.

Mr Richard Tompkins, now aged 68 and a multi-millionaire, is putting out for short of £10 million from his private resources into a February re-launch to support his belief that the time has come around again for the trading stamp.

"A return to low annual inflation has changed the climate completely," he said, and blamed the years of high inflation, especially in the latter half of the Seventies, for the demise of the green stamp.



Green Shield stamps and Mr Tompkins, their originator.

Stamp Company has printed a redesigned stamp, gold as well as green, and is looking to petrol outlets and grocers as its main targets.

It proposes 25 redemption centres where filled books, worth £6 compared with the old 75p, can be exchanged, an

option being a mail order service. Shoppers will get one stamp for every 25p spent, but the amounts will vary at petrol stations.

But with nobody yet signed up to hand out stamps the first reactions to their re-emergence was at best restrained.

Shell UK said: "We do not dismiss anything out of hand but we are very satisfied with our own promotions."

It added: "The trouble is that the stamps business last time got completely out of hand."

Tesco Stores, which deserted Green Shield stamps in 1977 for price cuts in its Operation Checkout campaign, said: "We have no plans to re-introduce stamps."

The end of the long-held stamp-collecting habit co-

New security measures for Cyprus base

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Three new security measures for the secret communications base in Cyprus were being urgently examined yesterday by the Ministry of Defence.

This follows the Prime Minister giving her full backing to the recommendations of the Security Commission after a major investigation.

The inquiry into allegations of serious security breaches within 9 Signal Regiment, based just outside Ayios Nikolaos in Cyprus, was ordered by Mrs Thatcher following the charging of eight servicemen two years ago under the Official Secrets Act.

The five RAF men and two soldiers of 9 Signal Regiment, were eventually acquitted on all the charges which involved the alleged passing of secrets to the Russian agents. The trial at the Central Criminal Court lasted for 107 days in closed session last October.

The Security Commission, which admitted in its report published yesterday that the acquittals had placed them in a difficult situation, continued with the inquiry because a team led by the Security Service M15 had already identified possible matters of concern in Cyprus and had made their own "wide ranging" recommendations.

In its report yesterday, the Security Commission, headed by Lord Griffiths, made three new recommendations:

● That there should be random security checks of baggage and clothing, including the pockets of personnel coming out of the base and occasional body "frisking".

● That, so far as possible, postings of very young servicemen and women to Cyprus or to other sensitive locations should be avoided.

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Hurd calls urgent Bamber inquiry

By Michael Horsnell

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday ordered an urgent report from the Chief Constable of Essex on the Jeremy Bamber murder investigation amid growing concern over police handling of the case.

As MPs called for an independent inquiry Mr Hurd said that after receiving the report he will consult Sir Lawrence Byford, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary, on what action he should take.

It was Sir Lawrence who conducted the official inquiry into the police handling of the "Yorkshire Ripper" case in 1981.

The Home Secretary is expected to make a statement to Parliament after discussing the case with Sir Lawrence.

Mr Robert Bunyard, Chief Constable of Essex police since 1978, welcomed Mr Hurd's call for a report, which is expected within days, but praised his investigating officers and blamed the press for creating "false impressions" over the police handling of the inquiry.

Bamber, aged 25, received five life sentences on Tuesday for murdering his adoptive parents, June and Neville Barker, both aged 61, his step-sister Sheila Caffery, aged 27, and her twin sons Nicholas and Daniel, aged six, at White House Farm, the family home in Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex in August last year, so he could

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NEWS SUMMARY

Ivory tower gibe angers LSE chief

The Director of the London School of Economics, Mr Indraprasad Gokhale, has taken the Secretary of State for Education and Science to task for his accusations last week that academics are living in ivory towers (Our Education Reporter writes).

Mr Kenneth Baker's comments to the Lords select committee on science and technology are known to have angered many dons. In a letter to him, Mr Patel says that Mr Baker's evidence "reveals an apparent lack of awareness of the extent of successful collaboration between universities and industry".

Offering the LSE as an example, he draws attention to the fact that 23 per cent of the school's research funding comes from commerce and industry. Academics are leading existences which are far from cloistered, he says, with many of them acting as consultants to industry and Whitehall.

Video is censored Siege jail appeal

The British Board of Film Censors has for the first time watched and censored a computer game. *Drezma*, a horror game from the software publishers, CRL, has been issued displaying a 15 certificate - warning people that it is unsuitable for children. The censors viewed the game at the request of Mr Clement Chambers, CRL's managing director, who believes all video games should be treated in the same way as films. Mr Chambers said vetting would have a good influence on content.

The brother of one of the prisoners holding a prison officer hostage at Saughton jail in Edinburgh yesterday appealed to them on local radio to end the siege which began on Monday after an escape attempt went wrong. Earlier the officer was allowed to speak to senior prison staff. He told them he was unharmed and that there had been no violence. The men are protesting at conditions and the behaviour of staff. The Scottish Office has said that any allegations of brutality will be investigated by the police.

Immigration attack

The immigration system was out of control and accountable only to itself, according to the annual report of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, released yesterday.

The report said that in a year in which "the priorities and beliefs of officials set the agenda, and during which their role in tightening control was rarely challenged", more than 600,000 people were separated because of increasingly restrictive procedures and questioning.

It said there had been a big rise in the use of arbitrary powers to detain and remove people alleged to be illegal entrants. Officials were choosing to treat overstayers as illegal entrants, thus denying them proper rights of appeal.

Vanished Alice

The curious tale of a vanishing schoolgirl actress has stumped the BBC. It is hunting Anne-Marie Mallik, who starred in a production of *Alice in Wonderland* when she was 14.



As part of its fiftieth anniversary, the BBC is repeating the programme next Sunday and wants to give "Alice" her face - but she has disappeared. Anne-Marie gave up acting after the part and later went to Cambridge University, apparently to read law. Inquiries at the Law Society have drawn a blank.

Deadly isle cleansed

A small Scottish island which was infected with a deadly farm disease during germ warfare experiments in 1942 could soon be safe.

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that decontamination spraying on Gruinard had been completed and in eight weeks soil samples would be taken for analysis. However, the island, which is 50 miles west of Inverness, is expected to remain forbidden territory for at least a year, to ensure that all traces of the anthrax spores are eliminated.

A suspected case of anthrax was being investigated by the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday after the death of a cow at Wall Hope Farm, Tidenham, Gloucestershire.

YTS accused of failing to help jobless

By Jill Sherman

The Government's Youth Training Scheme has failed to improve job prospects for young people, the youth employment organization, Youthaid, claims today. Its detailed analysis of Manpower Services Commission surveys since the scheme began in 1983, shows that nationally fewer than six out of 10 YTS leavers get work, nearly one in three join the jobless queue and one in 10 goes into education, or "something else". Barely a third of black YTS

leavers are able to find work within three months, the report says. It also shows that four out of five young people leave without any recognized qualification and a half do not even get the YTS's own internal certificate. Those who entered the scheme with an O level had the best chance of a job. Fewer than half those who had no qualification when they joined YTS got a job at the end. "People who are black, people who live outside the inner South-east, people who have no qualifications, all

suffer discrimination in the labour market. The new analysis shows that the YTS failed the very people it was designed to help," Mr Paul Lewis, the Youthaid director, said. But the Manpower Services Commission yesterday claimed that Youthaid had based its figures on the YTS one-year scheme which was replaced by the two-year scheme last April. "Most of the things that Youthaid has picked up we are already tackling," the MSC said.

"Research due to be published next month shows that nearly three quarters of those on YTS in September 1984 were in a full-time job 18 months later." Mr Lewis attacked government plans to introduce tests for availability for work which he said would discourage young people from studying while they were waiting for work. Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday defended the 12-point questionnaire which will ask all new claimants about the work they are looking for, whether they are prepared to travel, and what steps they have taken to find jobs. Speaking on the *Jimmy Young Show* on Radio 2 Lord Young denied opposition claims that the scheme was merely a figure massaging exercise to get people off the unemployment queue. "There are not going to be 200,000 people coming off the register. But the present figure is swollen by people who should not be on it."

Charter to protect consumers criticized

By Sheila Gunn Political Staff

A consumer charter which will end the sort of struggle for compensation endured by the parents of thalidomide children is to be introduced next month. The Consumer Protection Bill, to be announced in the Queen's Speech, will make it a criminal offence to supply unsafe goods, and will mean that producers can be sued for any damage caused by their goods. It will also put an end to shops placing bogus price tags on goods for sale at reduced prices. The Bill is expected to be introduced in the House of Lords early in the new session. Although not considered politically sensitive, it has been criticized by consumer groups for not going far enough.

Its main provisions, governing product liability, backs up an EEC directive calling for an end to the need for consumers to prove negligence. It comes after a 24-year court struggle by 452 children in Britain who were deformed after their mothers were prescribed thalidomide during pregnancy. Mr David Trench, legal adviser to the Consumers' Association, said he would fight a loophole which would allow producers to avoid liability by proving that scientific and technological knowledge was such that the extent of the defect could not have been known.

He was also against the exemption of food and vegetables from the list of goods covered by the Bill. The new law, which is not expected to come into force until 1988, will end the practice, common in some stores, of raising prices and then immediately dropping them to claim that they were bargains at prices often much less than the original.

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Individual offers for printers

By Tim Jones

News International is considering offering compensation on an individual basis to all of its 5,500 former employees, who went on strike and were then dismissed.

Earlier this month a ballot of Sogor 82 and the National Graphical Association, the two main print unions involved in the dispute, rejected the company's final offer of compensation of £58 million.

The company, which prints its four national titles at its high technology plant in Wapping, east London, said then that it would set up a procedure to consider any cases individually.

Now, in view of the number of inquiries from former employees and discussions with senior officials of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), the company is considering paying compensation to all former employees who apply for it.

In return, the company will require undertakings from the people who apply that they accept the nine-month-old dispute is over and that they will play no further part in it. The company has emphasized there is no prospect of entering into new talks with the unions and is determined to adhere only to the "best, last and final offer" which the unions rejected on October 8.

Under the deal, each dismissed worker whose total earnings were obtained exclusively from the company would receive £820 for each completed year of continuous service with a minimum payment of £2,000. Other workers would receive £620 per year with the same minimum.

Mr Roger Brown, the Conservative candidate, will be joined in the constituency today by Mr Michael Heel, the former Cabinet minister who once had special responsibility for Merseyside. Mr Brown said he would write to Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the NGA, outlining the proposal. Acas officials have had preliminary talks with officials of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, whose members also rejected the final offer, and plan to meet representatives of Sogor 82, the biggest union involved in the dispute, in a few days.

Mr Savery attracted criticism after writing an article for the *Salisbury Review* in July 1985, describing anti-racism as the new witchcraft of the left. The criticism came from a powerful section of staff within an anti-racist subgroup calling itself M.A.C.A.W. (Multi-cultural Education Afro-Caribbean and Asian Workers' Group). He was subsequently cleared of allegations of racism by a local authority disciplinary panel in May.

Mr Savery continues to be on the payroll of Avon County Council but has received no explanation for the termination of his £9,000 a year appointment. He appeared on the same platform as the former Bradford headteacher, Mr Ray Honeyford, at Bristol University last Thursday. Mr Savery said yesterday: "I have no feeling of animosity and feel enormous respect for the school. Perhaps the school is being mindful of the effects of all the publicity I have been attracting." However, he added that he could not rule out the possibility that the local education authority was succumbing to pressure from militant members of the National Union of Teachers at the Avon Multi-cultural Centre. Avon County Council said Mr Savery was expected to receive an official explanation of the decision in a few days.

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Libya sends weapons and £1m to IRA

By Richard Ford

Security forces in Northern Ireland suspect that Libya provided more than £1 million for the political and military operations of the Provisional IRA last year and also supplied much-needed weapons. In the republic, officials are convinced that 700 rounds of ammunition, a rifle and revolver discovered in a plane at Dublin airport a year ago came from Libya.

Yesterday the Irish government instructed its ambassador in Rome, Mr Eamon Kennedy, to seek assurances from the Libyan People's Bureau that Libya would not offer cash or weapons to the Provisionals.

Mr Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs, said diplomatic relations were at an all-time low because of Colonel Gaddafi's reiteration of support for the Provisionals and that through the republic wished to continue links with the people of Libya it would be prepared to break off relations.

Meanwhile, the opposition leader, Mr Charles Haughey, was in the embarrassing position of being described by the Libyan leader as a "friend" whom he hoped would win the next general election. With an election due before November 1987, it is the kind of endorsement Mr Haughey, who met the Libyan leader two years ago, can do without.

Colonel Gaddafi refused to say if he had supplied arms to the Provisionals directly but added: "We are obliged to support the cause because we think it is a just cause." He said that if he was leader in the South he would consider Northern Ireland as a colony and would fight to "liberate that part of my country". Colonel Gaddafi called on young people in the North and South to take part in the "struggle for liberation".

It is the second time this year that Colonel Gaddafi has reaffirmed support for the Provisionals but of more concern to the British and Irish governments is the belief that he is financing its growing military and military campaigns. Last year, 140 Soviet-made assault rifles and German-made weapons were discovered in three arms dumps in Co Roscommon and Co Sligo in crates marked "Libyan Armed Forces", but this was thought to be a deliberate attempt to divert attention from the real source.

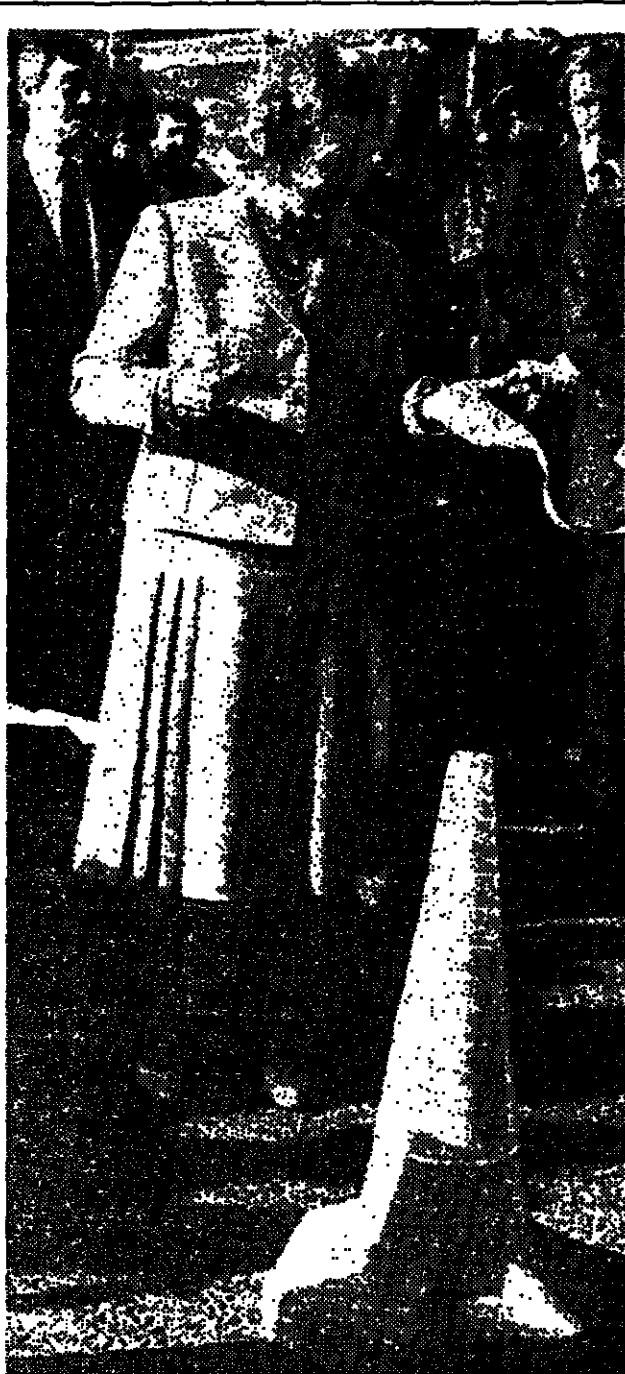
The link between Colonel Gaddafi and the Provisionals began in 1972. This led to an attempt to smuggle five tons of Russian-made weapons, mines and explosives into the republic aboard the *Claudia* in 1973. That failed when the Irish Navy intercepted the boat. But the links deteriorated after "loyalist" paramilitaries sent a delegation to Tripoli and persuaded the government that the troubles in Northern Ireland were not simply a war of liberation. The suspicion that the connection has been resumed is based on threats by Colonel Gaddafi to renew support for the Provisionals after the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan People's Bureau in London and the expulsion of Libyan diplomats.

Meanwhile security forces in Northern Ireland are on full alert for an upsurge in Provisional IRA violence before this weekend's conference in Dublin of its political wing. With the Provisional Sinn Fein leadership hoping to persuade delegates to allow elected representatives to sit in the Dail, police fear the military men will attempt to demonstrate that the campaign of terror will continue undiminished. In Ballybay, Co Monaghan, today there will be tight security for the court appearance of Mr Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the DUP, on charges arising out of a loyalist incursion into the south in the summer. It is expected that the State will apply to have the case transferred to the non-jury special criminal court in Dublin.

British and Irish ministers meet tomorrow in London to discuss border security. The survey measures a significant trend to the left among all respondents on welfare and defence. Those saying Britain should keep nuclear weapons fell from 77 per cent in 1983 to 68 per cent in 1985. There has been an increase since 1983 in the proportion preferring an increase in taxes rather than cuts in spending on health, education or social benefits.

Almost unchanged since last year is the somewhat surprising finding that most of the population (55 per cent) believes that Russia and America are equally great threats to world peace. Since 1984, the majority against American cruise missiles remains unchanged, with 53 per cent saying they make Britain less safe. Although most people still favour Britain's possession of its independent nuclear deterrent, the margin has declined from 60 per cent to 54 per cent between 1983 and 1985. And there has been a marked increase in unilateralism from 1983 and 1985, from 19 per cent to 27 per cent, with the change particularly marked among Labour supporters. Almost one quarter of the population believes a nuclear war between Russia and the West is very or quite likely before the end of the century.

More than three-quarters of the sample favour capital punishment for murders connected with terrorism, 71 per cent for murders of policemen and two-thirds for other murders. *British Social Attitudes: the 1986 Report* (Ed. Roger Jowell. Sharon Witherspoon and Lindsay Brook. Gower Publishing Co. Ltd. £25. hardback; £12. paperback).



Mrs Thatcher cutting a ribbon to open the last section (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Thatcher doubts on missile proposals

By Michael Evans Whitehall Correspondent

Mr Max Kampelman, the chief US arms negotiator, will confirm to the British Government today that President Reagan's proposal to eliminate ballistic nuclear missiles within 10 years is now part of the official American package at the talks in Geneva.

Yesterday it was not clear to the Government whether the proposal, which was one of the key elements of the Reykjavik summit, had been tabled formally or was first to be subject to thorough consultation with all the allies.

British officials believe that this proposal is not in any way realistic, although in public it has been given support by the Nato governments.

Mrs Thatcher is expected to underline both to Mr Kampelman, who arrives in London today, and to President Reagan when she sees him in Washington next month, that she has no intention of putting Trident into the arms control calculations.

Trident, which will replace Polaris as Britain's independent deterrent, is due to come into service in the 1990s and there is no plan to slow down the development of the missile system because of the Reykjavik "dream" of a 10-year deadline for the dismantling of all ballistic missiles.

So far £620 million has been spent on Trident. One Whitehall source said yesterday that full consultation with the British Government would be expected before the ballistic missile proposal was officially put before the Soviet Union.

Thatcher opens last M25 link

By Rodney Cowton Transport Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday opened the final section of the M25 and attacked those who had criticized the "magnificent British achievement".

Mrs Thatcher said the 117 mile ring road was one of the world's greatest highways. She cut a ribbon at 11.15am and even helped to remove a row of traffic cones, but it was not until 1pm that police allowed ordinary vehicles on to the new section, which links the M1 to the A1 at South Mimms in Hertfordshire.

The first breakdowns occurred within a minute - it happened close to where Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, was giving an interview. However, a large police presence ensured that the car was removed before a hold-up could develop.

The opening of the new section brings the interchange between the M25 and the M1 into full use - for the last two weeks it has only been open to traffic travelling from the west along the M25.

The interchange, which is expected to handle about 150,000 vehicles a day, does not maintain full motorway standards for all users. Motorists making certain turnings have to use a short section of A405 dual carriage-way before getting back on to the motorway.

One of those closely involved in the building of the intersection said that where turnings were only likely to be lightly used it had not been thought worth the cost of giving them an unbroken motorway connection.

The new section of the M25 has cost an estimated \$4 million a kilometre to build because of special measures to protect the environment. By mid-afternoon the M25 had visibly taken over from the A405 as the main East-West artery in the area, but a filling station attendant at Chiswell Green near St Albans, said that traffic was still coming off the M25 for fuel, because the motorway has no service stations in use.

After the opening Mr Moore announced that various types of fog detector and warning systems were to be tried out over the next two winters, and the chosen system would be installed at 30 fog-prone sites on the M25. The system would then be assessed to determine whether it should be installed on other motorways.

Knowsley North by-election Militant accused of misconduct

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Labour Party last night officially accused the Militant Tendency of corruption and law-breaking in the Knowsley North by-election.

Mr Ray Gill, the party's North-west regional officer, called on the election returning officer to investigate a Militant leaflet which he claimed contravened the Representation of the People Act. The handbill, widely circulated in the Merseyside constituency, advertised a Militant meeting tonight and called on Tendency supporters to vote for Mr George Howarth, the Labour candidate, in the poll on November 13.

Under electoral law, expenditure promoting a parliamentary candidate can be incurred only by an election agent or authorized by him in writing, Mr Gill said. In a letter to Mr Richard Penn, the Knowsley North electoral registration officer, he asked for an immediate inquiry into the activities of Militant for allegedly breaking the law.

In a separate letter to Militant, Mr Gill said its action could be judged to be corrupt practice and he demanded that it withdrew the leaflets. Militant yesterday invited Mr Howarth, the Labour candidate, to attend its rally this evening, which will be addressed by three Tendency supporters expelled from the Labour Party.

Mr Savery continues to be on the payroll of Avon County Council but has received no explanation for the termination of his £9,000 a year appointment. He appeared on the same platform as the former Bradford headteacher, Mr Ray Honeyford, at Bristol University last Thursday. Mr Savery said yesterday: "I have no feeling of animosity and feel enormous respect for the school. Perhaps the school is being mindful of the effects of all the publicity I have been attracting." However, he added that he could not rule out the possibility that the local education authority was succumbing to pressure from militant members of the National Union of Teachers at the Avon Multi-cultural Centre. Avon County Council said Mr Savery was expected to receive an official explanation of the decision in a few days.

Mr Savery attracted criticism after writing an article for the *Salisbury Review* in July 1985, describing anti-racism as the new witchcraft of the left. The criticism came from a powerful section of staff within an anti-racist subgroup calling itself M.A.C.A.W. (Multi-cultural Education Afro-Caribbean and Asian Workers' Group). He was subsequently cleared of allegations of racism by a local authority disciplinary panel in May.

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Conservative voters shift to the left

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

The Conservative Party has lost some of its most loyal support in a clear and continuous shift to the left since the last general election, according to a survey by Social and Community Planning Research, a leading independent institute.

Support has dropped among the sort of people to whom the Conservative Party might be expected to have firm appeal: the self-employed non-professionals, whether manual or non-manual. Support among them for the Conservatives fell by 20 per cent between 1984 and 1985.

The survey suggests this may be because the self-employed are much more likely than employees to express an increased pessimism about the Government's economic performance. The survey, reported in *British Social Attitudes: the 1986 Report*, seeks to explore not only which party a person identified with, but how

Conservative supporters have a more restrictive attitude to sexual liberty than those of the other two parties, according to the report. On abortion, there has been a significant shift since 1983 in favour of legal abortion for reasons of preference, and a similar but smaller shift towards abortion for reasons of health.

About half the population surveyed believes abortion should be legal if the couple strongly. If the decline in Conservative identification were the result of no more than a mid-term bout of disillusionment, then a loss of support could be expected among people who were less than partisan and who had little more than a current electoral preference. But the survey shows the fall in identification with the party has been heaviest among the partisan, those with the strongest and most longstanding attachment. In 1983, 24 per cent of the population

cannot afford more children, if the woman is unmarried, or if either the couple or the woman on her own decide not to have the child. A large majority endorses assisted methods of conception if no third party is involved. According to 46 per cent of the sample, surrogate motherhood without payment should be legally allowed, while only 27 per cent agree with commercial paid surrogacy.

were partisan Conservative, compared with 19 per cent in 1985. Overall there has been a fall from 38 per cent to 31 per cent in those, including the partisan supporters, who identify with the Conservative Party.

In contrast, there has been a small increase in Labour and Alliance partisanship, the report says. Each survey, among a random sample of about 1,800 people nationwide, is sponsored by a combination of charitable, government and private sources.

changes are for the better. Since 1983, there has been a slight diminution of concern about the threat posed to the environment by pollution. During that period there has been an increase (from 15 per cent to 23 per cent) in support for the construction of more nuclear power stations.

But, the report says, the Chernobyl disaster had not happened when the fieldwork was completed in 1985. Also, minor accidents at Sellafield have since been reported and local concern has arisen about moves to examine sites for the disposal of nuclear waste.

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Concern about countryside future

A high level of concern about the fate of the countryside is shown among people questioned for the report.

About a third professed themselves personally very concerned and a third "a bit concerned". The data suggests that all parties would benefit from the adoption of policies to protect the countryside.

Pollution, whether industrial or agricultural, is seen as the greatest threat, with two-thirds of the sample agreeing that modern farming methods damage the countryside. Interestingly, the survey says,

those who live in the country are more likely to have a critical view of modern farming methods.

Nearly half the sample thinks the countryside has changed a lot in the past 20 years, just under a quarter thinks there has been some change and about one-fifth thinks it much the same. Suburbanites, those living in the margin between city and country, are particularly likely to think that the countryside has changed.

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Builders tell Prince they are not to blame for inner city decay

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Britain's housebuilders issued a firm denial yesterday to the Prince of Wales' criticism that they were concentrating on building on greenfield sites and leaving the inner cities to decay.

Private finance to help with low-rent homes

By Our Property Correspondent

The Government yesterday announced a new housing finance scheme which will help homeless people and those moving to find jobs.

regeneration; has been calling for greater investment in inner cities for the past five years and says that obstacles exist which make the participation of private housebuilders difficult in many ways.

Plane part may have been worn

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

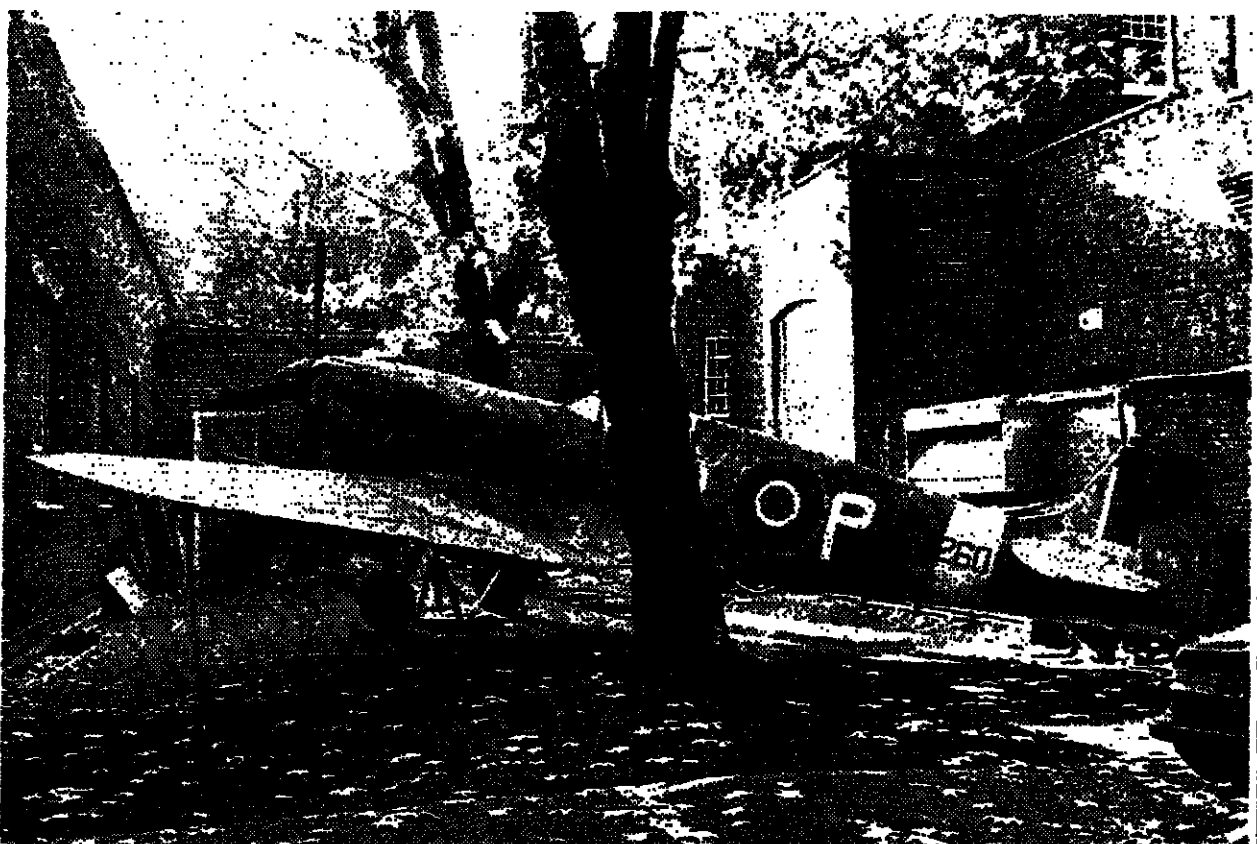
Worn parts in a 34-year-old flying display aircraft may have caused the crash which killed 11 of its 14 occupants, according to an official report published yesterday.

Mr Humber said that without pre-empting the results of that inquiry, the federation had identified a number of obstacles to inner city building.

Air travel Tough limit sought on noise

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Tough restrictions on aircraft noise are planned by the Government to eliminate older, noisier jets and place strict limits on night flying.



A 1942 Vickers Supermarine Spitfire Mk IX, which is among historic aircraft to be auctioned by Christie's in London tomorrow, finds a temporary home among the cars in parking space behind the auctioneers in Old Brompton Road, South Kensington. The aircraft, which needs restoring, can be viewed there before the sale. The legendary Spitfire was the creation of Reginald Mitchell. About 350 of the aircraft were in service at the height of the Battle of Britain (Photograph: James Gray).

Portfolio Gold - Five join band of winners

Five readers share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Helen Thompson, aged 75, a housewife from Lymington, Hampshire, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started.

"We don't count ourselves a very lucky household, and I've never won anything before."

Mrs Constance Betts, aged 67, a housewife from West Wickham in Kent said she was "very happy" about winning a Portfolio Gold share.

The fifth winner was Mr Graham Shepherd, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

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Mrs Elizabeth Whiteside: anniversary surprise.

Charter to protect consumers criticized

By Sheila Ginn, Political Staff

Consumer charter proposals have been criticized by the British Consumer Council.

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Detention of wards challenged

By Francis Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

New Government regulations which allow wards of court aged 10 or under to be locked up for indefinite periods are in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights, it was claimed yesterday.

The Children's Legal Centre says in a letter to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, that the regulations breach the rights guaranteed in the convention for individuals to a speedy public hearing with full representation.

The centre is concerned that the regulations deprive wards of court in local authority care of legal rights and safeguards possessed by other young people in care.

The regulations, presented to Parliament in the summer recess and now in force, allow the High Court and some county courts to lock up wards of court younger than 10 years old without the need to obtain permission from the Secretary of State, as local authorities must do for all other children in care.

Nor, the centre says, are these courts governed by restrictions which stop juvenile courts authorizing locking-up for an initial maximum period of three months and further maximum of six months, although judges are still bound by the Child Care Act 1980.

Furthermore, it says, although the children in such cases are parties to the proceedings and will have a "guardian ad litem" (someone instructed by the court to protect the child's interests), they will not have the right to instruct their own lawyer or be present at the hearing.

That guardian will usually be a Civil Servant appointed by the official solicitor, who will advocate what he considers to be the child's best interests and these might be "quite different from the ward's wishes".

BT warned about cost of local calls

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

British Telecom was yesterday warned not to make big increases in the charges for local telephone calls.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of Telecommunications, the government watchdog for the industry, said: "If BT proposes such increases, I shall certainly look at them critically and searchingly."

In his review of British Telecom's proposed changes to local call charges, he also "greatly regrets" the large jump in peak rate local call prices which are going up by 18.9 per cent and would have liked to see a more gradual transition, though the total increase is justified on grounds of costs.

The peak price was much greater than I would have liked to see in one step," Professor Carsberg said.

British Telecom was unable to avoid the sharp jump because some of its exchanges can only alter unit call times in 30-second steps. BT has now agreed to modify its metering systems.

While not expecting such a big increase again for local calls, British Telecom said yesterday that it saw some scope for further rebalancing of charges, particularly as the profitability of long distance calls was increasing at a faster rate than for local calls.

British Telecom is criticized for not doing enough to explain the significance and effect to customers of the complex price changes. Home phone users need to be aware of the benefits of making calls in the evening and of the great increase in cost when a call goes over the time allowed for one unit, the reviewer says.

With this weekend's changes, the average domestic user faces a 1.9 per cent increase in cost, while the average business customer's costs will decrease. In its last financial year British Telecom made pre-tax profits of £1.81 billion.

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Cut-price deal for customers

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Mercury Communications is preparing to offer home telephone subscribers a cut-price service in competition with British Telecom.

The discount trunk calling service will start to become available to the public early next year.

Long-distance calls, including international calls placed on the Mercury network, are expected to be 12 to 19 per cent cheaper than those made via British Telecom. All subscribers will receive an itemized bill showing the destination, duration and cost of each call placed. Customers will have to buy a special telephone.

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\$5m case over 'sweetheart' film contract

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Mr Martin Starger, the film producer, yesterday claimed in the High Court that he is owed \$5 million under a contract described as an "over-generous sweetheart deal".

Mr Starger, aged 54, was alleged to have struck the deal with Lord Grade's former company, ATV. Now he is suing Lord Grade's successor, Mr Robert Holmes a Court.

Mr Sidney Kenridge, QC, for Mr Starger, told Mr Justice Mann that his client signed a \$100,000-a-year five year contract from February 1977 to January 1982. The agreement also allowed him additional payment for any films in which he was involved.

The contract has been described as a "sweetheart deal". Mr Kenridge said: "That means it is over-generous to one of the parties and must have been dictated by friendship, here the friendship of Lord Grade for Mr Starger."

The films for which Mr Starger is claiming payments include *The Lone Ranger*.

The Bell Group, which has a counter claim, says Mr Starger had nothing to do with the films and is owed nothing. The hearing continues today.

It takes more than looks to make a beautiful car

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A good looking car is only the tip of the iceberg. A beautiful car is also reliability, performance, economy, safety and comfort.

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Cocaine linked to fatal heart attacks

By Keith Hindley

Cocaine damages the heart and prolonged use can lead to fatal heart attacks, according to pathologists at Stanford University Medical School, California.

The researchers found the same streaks of damaged heart muscle in more than 90 per cent of addicts who died of cocaine poisoning. Similar damage was absent or barely evident in overdose victims of other drugs.

These findings, due to appear in *Human Pathology*, an American medical journal, explain the street image of cocaine as the relatively "safe" up-market drug.

In the past, cocaine has been variously linked with chest pains, palpitations, irregular heartbeats, heart attacks and sudden death, but it was only earlier this year that researchers suspected a direct link.

The Stanford team, led by Dr Henry Tazelaar, studied a group of 30 drug victims, mainly men, aged between 25 and 74 who were regular cocaine users. Of the study group, 28 had suffered fatal heart damage and most were young, with an average age of 34. They had taken cocaine in varying doses.

"The heart damage we found is of a type that can trigger irregular heartbeats," Dr Tazelaar said.

The damage appears as red streaks where heart muscle has tightened and died. "Once that happens, the cells are useless."

"These dead patches interfere with the electrical pulses that keep the heart beating smoothly. Irregular beating becomes inevitable and that can lead to sudden death."

The researchers believe that people who show no ill-effects from taking cocaine are slowly damaging their hearts. "We are particularly concerned about young cocaine users," Dr Tazelaar said. "Later in life when they begin to develop normal heart disease, the situation will be aggravated by the hidden but long-standing damage caused by cocaine."

The strain imposed by training and exercise could also trigger a heart attack. "I think our findings could provide insight into the deaths of fit young athletes taking cocaine," Dr Tazelaar said.

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Younger accepts Westland committee defence analysis

The Westland affair powerfully reinforced the wisdom of successive governments in generally abiding by the rule of collective responsibility. Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said when he opened the debate on Westland, the helicopter firm.

He added: "That message, underlined by the unhappiness of two ministerial resignations, will long be remembered when so much else in our current political controversy has faded."

Mr Younger said that the Government agreed with much of the analysis made by the Select Committee on Defence of the defence implications of the future of Westland, but there were points on which the Government could not go the whole way with the committee.

The committee rightly pointed out that the helicopter had an established place in maritime and land-air warfare, and that its existing range of capabilities was gradually being extended.

It had its vulnerabilities, however, and was not yet able to replace an entire capability in the land-air battle. For example, attack helicopters, must complement ground-based, long-range, direct-fire weapons rather than replacing them.

Against that background, the committee's view that that quantity had been sacrificed for quality was a little severe.

It was true that there were 850 helicopters in the three services now compared with 940 in 1975, but the reduction was not large and the overall capability had increased through acquisition by all three services of new and more powerful types.

The record showed that the Ministry of Defence had given the helicopter a good priority in the defence programme and to have built up capability in a key arm of warfare.

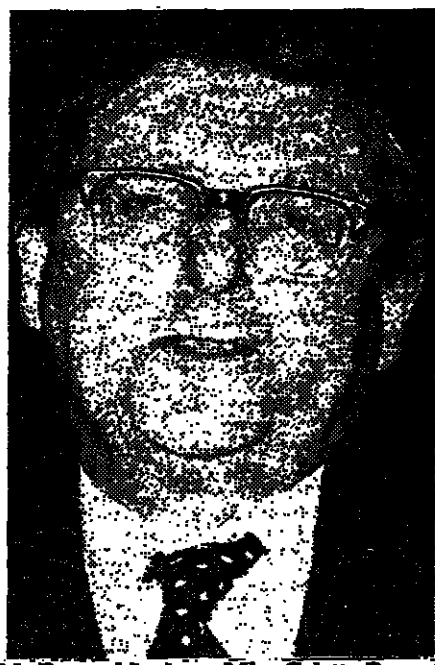
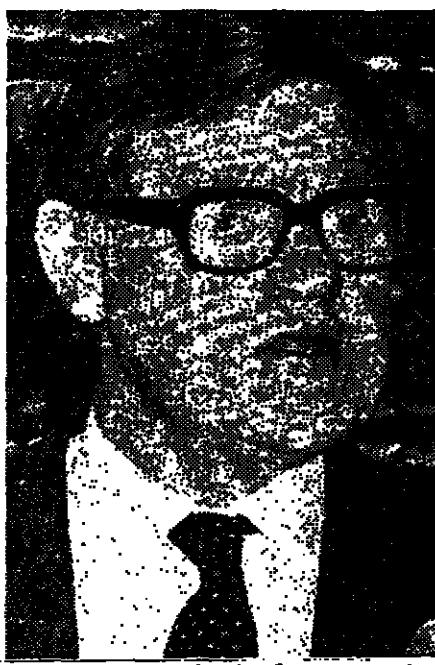
Improvement types also featured prominently in the future programme. The Government was firmly committed to the new anti-submarine helicopter.

There was a requirement for a new light-attack helicopter in the anti-tank role to replace Lynx fitted with Tow. Its entry to service was planned for the late 1990s and the programme was at an earlier stage than EH101, but good progress was being made.

With Italy, the Netherlands and Spain, the United Kingdom had recently signed two memoranda of understanding: one for laying down a framework for collaboration on the Agusta A129 light-attack helicopter and the other covering a joint feasibility and cost definition study which was expected to start shortly and would take two years to complete.

The most difficult issue facing the defence ministry was that of support helicopters.

The experience of exercise Lionheart and the new thinking it had stimulated about the Army's helicopter needs had made it necessary for the defence staff to go back to the drawing board and to undertake a fundamental study to review the military requirement for support helicopters. That study was looking ahead to the year 2010.



The main actors in the Westland story, which was debated by the Commons today, were (from left): Mr Michael Heseltine, Mr Bernard Ingham, Miss Colette Bowe, Sir Patrick Mayhew and Mr Leon Brittan.

"It is considering what changes in support roles and capabilities can be expected up to that date, how support-helicopter assets can be used most effectively to fulfil those roles and, in the light of this, what the best force mix would be. On the basis of this a force mix is to be recommended."

The committee's preliminary view that there was a good case for fulfilling a fully air-mobile brigade was being borne in mind in the studies.

They accepted the importance of resolving such matters quickly and would continue work on the military issues as rapidly as possible. They could not state military requirements in a financial vacuum when resources were tight.

"We should have been falling in our duty to be led by the difficult and complex judgments about military needs in order to rush to procurement of hardware. That would have been fair neither to the services, nor to the taxpayer."

It would be wrong to underestimate the upheaval which would be caused by adopting the committee's suggestion that the Army as user of support helicopters should be given responsibility for all of them.

While it would be wrong to become complacent, the Falklands campaign had demonstrated the ability of all three services to work effectively in integrated operations.

Mr Younger said the select committee had also addressed the defence industrial base and Westland's place in it.

In terms of issues, Westland was a relatively small company compared with the giants of the defence industry such as GEC and BAE.

But it was the only domestic source of helicopters and, as a result, one of the relatively few companies to which the Ministry of Defence paid more than £100 million a year.

There always has been and continues to be a close relationship between the MOD and Westland", he said.

Falklands given fishing cordon

FISHING

The Government has unilaterally established a 150-mile fishing zone around the coast of the Falkland Islands, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, announced in a statement to the Commons.

At the same time, he said, they were declaring the entitlement of the Falklands, under international law, to a fisheries limit of 200 miles, subject to delimitation with Argentina.

There had been a rapid increase in fishing in the south-west Atlantic and the serious impact on fish stocks had aroused widespread concern. Accordingly a study was launched at the Food and Agriculture Organization.

From the outset Britain took the view that the problem would best be solved on a collaborative basis. "In public," he went on, "and directly to the Argentine Government, I made clear our view that a solution without prejudice to our respective positions on sovereignty could and should be found."

Some fishing nations had not co-operated with the FAO study and its preparation had been delayed. Pending completion of the study, Britain took steps by voluntary means to reduce the impact of the fishing effort.

He continued: "Argentina has pursued a different course, and the actions have undermined the multilateral approach."

Argentina has embarked on aggressive patrolling more than 200 miles from Patagonia and within 200 miles of the Falklands; ● Unlawful use of force by

Argentina led in one case to loss of life and the sinking of a vessel;

● Argentina has concluded bilateral fisheries agreements with the Soviet Union and Bulgaria;

● Through these agreements Argentina purports to exercise jurisdiction that is a matter of international law the entitlement of the Falkland Islands;

● These agreements are incompatible with the multilateral initiative.

"In sum, the Argentine Government's recent actions show an indifference to conservation needs and a preference for obstruction rather than co-operation."

"The Government are determined that there should be adequate protection for the Falklands Government and they would use their own protection vessels and a surveillance aircraft. British Forces on the islands would continue to deter Argentine aggression and maintain the integrity of the protection zone."

Fishing within the conservation zone would be licensed by the Falklands Government and they would use their own protection vessels and a surveillance aircraft. British Forces on the islands would continue to deter Argentine aggression and maintain the integrity of the protection zone."

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said the Foreign Secretary had made a very serious statement which embedded the Government still deeper in the quagmire of the Falklands commitment.

The announcement was bound to make negotiations with the Argentine more difficult and reduce still further the minuscule minority of governments in the United Nations which supported the British position on this issue.

The Foreign Secretary had just announced the unilateral imposition of a fishing zone around the Falklands, something which he told the House on March 12 last year was not justified. Then he drew attention to the practical and political problems of policing such a zone, a zone which comprised some 70,000 square miles of ocean in part overlapping the zone already established by Argentina.

He had dumped the responsibility for policing such a zone on the people of the Falklands, who were half the population of the average parish in the United Kingdom.

Did he regard the Falklands Government as being free to use force in imposing this unilateral decision against any fishing vessel which might without its agreement fish in the zone?

Sir Geoffrey Howe said it was in the face of the action by the Argentine Government that the British Government reached the conclusion that a unilateral regime must be imposed this time.

Britain's poor reputation undeserved

HOUSE OF LORDS

A reputation for Britain as Europe's biggest polluter is undeserved, Lord Skelmersdale, Under-Secretary of State for Environment, said during question time in the Lords.

He said that the Government hopes to use the British Presidency of the Council of the EEC to advance discussions on acid rain, with a view to promoting agreement to a package of measures which would be generally acceptable to member states.

Proposals for tackling the problem had been under discussion within the European Community for some time, but no agreement had been reached because of the widely divergent views of different member states.

Lord Ardwick (Lab), who raised the issue, asked: Now that the Government admit the link between sulphur emission and acid deposition, will it bring forward a target for a reduction in line with other European countries?

Lord Skelmersdale: I assume he is referring to whether or not the United Kingdom should join the 30 per cent club. We recognize the importance of the club as a symbol of international concern about acid rain. However, being a member does not necessarily mean we are doing more than being a non-member.

We had reduced sulphur dioxide emissions by 24 per cent before the club started in 1980. We have therefore done more than some members of the club, which were still increasing emissions during the 1970s. We are keeping possible membership of the club under continuing review.

Lord Dean of Beswick (Lab): We are still having a reputation of being the biggest polluters in Europe. When can we expect substantial progress to eliminate this entirely?

Lord Skelmersdale: We have a reputation which is undeserved. We in fact produce 66 kilos of sulphur per person per annum which is 25 per cent less than Spain and the United States and 15 per cent less than Finland and Luxembourg. Some 240 kilos a person are emitted from East Germany every year.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Financial Services Bill, Lords amendments, first day.
Lords (3): Education Bill and Salmon Bill, Commons amendments.

Ministers inflicting grave damage on our interests, says British Council chief

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Sir John Burgh, director-general of the British Council, yesterday painted a vivid picture of the decline in Britain's standing overseas, accusing the Government of inflicting grave damage on Britain's interests by ignoring the importance of international cultural relations.

In evidence to the foreign affairs select committee, Sir John also disclosed that the Government has rejected the council's plea for an extra £4.5 million next year in a grant that has declined by more than 20 per cent in real terms since 1979.

In an emotional *cri de coeur* to the committee, he argued that "it matters" that only a "paltry" number of overseas students were now studying in Britain, that in Uruguay the French had managed to have English replaced as the language taught in schools, and that in West Germany "even intelligent and educated people have built up an image of Britain consisting of football

boogymen, decline, racial prejudice and archaic traditions".

Yet his repeated requests for more money had been refused because the Government simply did not appreciate the long-term worth of cultural relations. That worth was unquantifiable, but there was a desperate need for "vision and imagination".

Accompanying submissions from the British Council chart not only the decline in Britain's own cultural work overseas, but also the sharp increase of other developed countries in this field.

They show that Britain will spend £216 million on cultural relations this year, compared to Germany's £568 million and France's £739 million. Even in Japan direct government spending exceeded that of Britain.

Overseas students studying in Britain — "a powerful means of spreading British influence and improving future trade prospects" — have declined by 38 per cent to just 56,121 since 1979.

In France there are now 128,000 overseas students studying, while Japan has set a target of 100,000 by the end of the century. Of 40,000 Jordanians studying abroad, only 690 were in Britain.

As other countries seized the initiative, government cuts had caused the British Council to cut its total staff by 6.5 per cent to 4,170 since 1979, with 370 posts going in Britain and 60 overseas.

"The position has now been reached where the funding of council programmes is so low that any further cuts must necessarily lead to cuts in the network of overseas offices or a reduction in the already meagre support for operational activities."

A large amount of extra funding was needed, but "the sums involved are tiny in the context of overall public expenditure, the benefit to Britain would be out of all proportion to the cost".

Bank obeys but fails to satisfy

By Our Political Reporter

The Bank of England appeared yesterday to have averted temporarily a constitutional clash with Parliament by complying with a demand for information from a select committee. But it again supplied only the sparsest facts.

The trade and industry committee had asked for details of documents shown to the bank by the Department of Trade and Industry which it believes will show the extent of government responsibility for the tin crisis that led to one of the biggest commercial defaults in history.

The response from Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the bank's governor, has not yet been released, but at a meeting of the committee yesterday the acting chairman, Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, described it as "remarkably economical".

He read out an extract which said merely: "May, 1984: one document. May, 1985: working document."

The committee, which has shown great persistence in the face of endless stonewalling by ministers and civil servants, must now decide whether to make a new order for information from the bank.

At yesterday's meeting MPs turned their anger on Mr Giles Shaw, the new Minister for Industry, demanding to know why his predecessors had refused to show the committee documents that they had been ready to show to the bank.

Mr Shaw said that the Government was bound by treaty to keep the documents confidential.

But when he admitted that the Government had "not explicitly" sought the permission of the International Tin Council to show them to the bank, MPs said that the Government had already breached the agreement.

"If you were willing to break the rules in that position, then surely the argument that you could not break the rules to give the documents to a House of Commons committee falls on very, very weak ground", Sir Peter Emery said.

The committee also sought, unsuccessfully, to find out why the Government had warned brokers of the looming crisis but not the banks or the Cornish tin mine workers.

Mr Shaw agreed that that was "a key question", but said he would have to take advice before answering it.



Mr Tom King playing yesterday in a Tory Party charity golf day at Moor Park.

EEC measures condemned as shamefully trivial

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Sir Geoffrey Howe came under attack for the "shamefully trivial" measures taken by the EEC against South Africa during Commons questions.

The Foreign Secretary said that the 12 had agreed on September 16 a package of measures designed to send a strong signal to the South African Government on the urgent need for fundamental change.

Mr Peter Hardy (Westworth, Lab) will not take a firmer and more insistent position, not least in regard to the effective exclusion of Namibia and certain products from the sanctions arrangements.

Does the present situation not suggest that the sanctions policies pursued by Britain and Western Europe will appear to be merely a rhetorical exercise which, without strict monitoring, can provide the worst possible consequences?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The measures agreed in September do not apply to Namibia because all but one of the 12 consider that it raises a separate problem which requires a different approach. The measures were agreed after a great deal of discussion and they represent a considered and concerted package designed to receive the response intended.

Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchester, Blackley, Lab) said that, reflecting on Britain's disapproval about the reaction of her EEC partners to Syria,

was it not understandable that the EEC ministers were disappointed with the British Government's attitude on South Africa? The overwhelming feeling of British people was opposition to apartheid.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I am totally aware of the feelings of the people of Britain and the European Community condemning apartheid and requiring it to be replaced as soon as possible. On that point there is no difference between us all.

● I am totally aware of British opinion

I think my colleagues in the EEC felt that the mission was undertaken in July in South Africa represented a very effective presentation of the case upon which the people of Europe are agreed.

Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich, Lab): Does he not recognize that there is an increasingly serious situation developing in South Africa, a situation involving increasing degrees of disorder?

With the tragic death of Samora Machel, does he not feel he should now respond to the call made recently by the Secretary General of the Commonwealth for an international brigade to defend the front-line states against intrusion from South Africa? Why does he not give a lead of that kind in the EEC?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: It would not be sensible or fruitful to begin talking in terms of mobilizing a brigade of that kind.

South Africa sanctions

But he is right to draw attention to the increasing gravity of the situation. The death of President Machel, caused in whatever fashion it was, is undoubtedly a matter of the utmost regret on all sides of the House.

The situation in South Africa itself is certainly one of mounting tension in which it is of the utmost importance for the South African Government to summon up the courage to make the leap of imagination necessary to call together leaders of the African people with a view to replacing apartheid as soon as possible.

Mr George Gardner (Reigate, C) said the Foreign Secretary should emphasize to Britain's European colleagues how counter-productive sanctions would be to the reform process in South Africa.

Constructive discussions between the leaders of all groups would be far more likely to succeed in the context of an expanding economy than one in which blacks and Cape coloureds were being thrown out of work.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: General economic sanctions should not be seen as an end in themselves and we do not regard them as an effective way to bring about an end to apartheid.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) said the Government should consider measures which would give a clearer signal to South Africa, such as a ban on direct air flights from Europe to South Africa.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said the Government did not take the same view as Mr Beith on the question of such measures. Community ministers had spent many months arriving at the agreement reached in September.

Mr Thomas Clarke (Moulton, West, Lab) urged the Foreign Secretary to answer the question recently put to him by Mr Denis Healey about why Namibia was excluded from the EEC policy on South Africa.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: With one exception (Denmark) all our European Community partners do not regard Namibia for inclusion on the same terms as South Africa.

● Namibia is not regarded on same terms as South Africa

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) wanted to know exactly what the South African Government was expected to do before these measures were withdrawn. What stage of the reform process had to be reached?

Sir Geoffrey Howe said the position had been made clear during his own mission and that of the Eminent Persons' Group. They wanted to create a climate in which the South African Government should be ready to examine dialogue with leaders of all groups within South Africa by the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners and the un-

hamming of the ANC and other political parties.

The aim was to create the circumstances in which all the peoples of South Africa could make their consent available to constitutional measures which would be acceptable to them all.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said now that the United States had decided to impose wide-ranging sanctions against South Africa, which went far beyond the shamefully trivial measures agreed by the EEC, and in light of the fact that the Government rightly expected others to agree to punitive sanctions against Syria, would he seek to bring the EEC into line with the rest of the civilized world by adopting the same measures as the US?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I have done that which the President of the Council was required to do in seeking in two meetings recently to promote consensus on the measures agreed in September. It has not been possible to take that consensus further.

I am sure the House will note on this occasion he is keen to encourage us to follow the example of the United States.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) asked if the Foreign Secretary had any conception at all of how humiliating it was for this country to endorse and see in action what he was doing in South Africa.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I think most of the House would have a different view from him about the relative standards of humiliation.

Journalists vote to keep lobby system

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Parliamentary Lobby journalists have voted in favour of retaining the present system of unattributable briefings with Downing Street spokesmen.

The voting, announced yesterday, was 67 in favour of keeping the system and 55 against.

However, by a majority of 10, that is, 68 votes to 58, journalists voted for an inquiry into the rules of the lobby. It is expected to be completed before the state opening of Parliament.

The closeness of the vote surprised many journalists.

Miss Julia Langdon, the lobby chairman, said: "The closeness of the vote indicates that there are a large number of people in the lobby in favour of change. But I think that the majority reflects the fact that the existing system, even if unsatisfactory, is better than no briefings at all."

Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, has indicated that he would not be prepared to give briefings on an attributable basis.

Scots Tory peers defeat Government

A rebellion by Scottish Conservative peers last night severely defeated the Government's attempt to speed up the sale of homes to sitting tenants in Scotland.

Scottish Conservatives joined Labour, Alliance and independent peers in voting to stop new charitable housing associations being forced to offer their properties to tenants. Voting was 144 to 99 — majority against, 45.

The Government is expected to accept such a decisive defeat.

Tebbit attacks paper-ban councils

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Labour councils that ban News International titles from their libraries because of the Wapping printworkers' dispute are aping the book burning of Nazi Germany," Mr Norman Tebbit said yesterday. The Tory chairman's onslaught on press censorship came in a speech to editors of regional newspapers in London.

He said that his constituents in Chingford, Essex, could not read *The Times* and the company's other titles because of this "crude form of political press censorship" imposed by the borough council.

Mr Tebbit said the Government could claim part of the credit for the technological revolution transforming Fleet Street and extending the "priceless asset" of freedom of the press.

No longer could "reactionary and bloody-minded" unions call strikes without a ballot with impunity. And at the News International plant in Wapping, East London, a "violent and irresponsible" blockade by the print unions, aided by "hoodlums" ready to seize any opportunity to attack the police, had failed to stop production and distribution of the company's titles.

If only all printers were as reliable as Epsoms.

India were without Kapil Dev, because of a bruised finger, a legacy of the first Test, and England omitted Chris Cowdrey and fielded three spacemen.

Brighton Evening Argus

Perhaps the only disappointment of the championships from the British point of view was the defeat of Ade Mafe in the 200 metres at the hands of that good American sprinter Mel Lentz. It was in this Colford stadium this time last year that Ade first hit the headlines by eating Lentz but yesterday he was not mentally tuned for another big race so soon after his silver medal performance in the world indoor games in Paris last weekend.

The Observer

MADRID, (R) — Catholic nuns of the Mission of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with a television success behind them and Mother Superior Francisca at the guitar, are bidding here for fame and fortune in the pope charts.

Evening Post

GREG NORMAN, hot favourite for the Card Classic at Royal Porthcawl, missed a five-inch putt on the 11th green yesterday.

The blind Australian tried to tap in the tiddler one-handed but hit the ground with his putter and only just moved the ball.

Sporting Life

PART-TIME DENTON HALL & BURGIN SOLICITORS
Seek a **POOF READER** for their Word Processing Department.

The Standard

GREENWOLD, Florence May. — Late of 163 Bergholt Road, Colchester. A simple, kind, and loving old lady who died with great dignity at Ambleside, Wood Lane, Fordham Heath, Colchester on Saturday, April 3, 1982 at 3.10pm. Loved by family and friends who knew her well.

Essex County Standard

Dead-eye Stewart Fraser, who got three against the league of Ireland recently, attempted a shot from 20 yards, but was so wide of the target that he actually found Carlyle with his attempt. The outside-right was so surprised at the "pass" that he made a mess of his shot at goal.

Spandau secret diaries

By ALBERT SPEER

Spandau: The secret diaries will be one of the outstanding books of 1976. Extracts will appear only in THE HUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

SUCCESSFUL businessman, aged 44, widower, usual trappings, non-smoker with varied interests, seeks affectionate, understanding female to share the enjoyable things in life. Box No. 4881, Yorkshire Post Ltd., Leeds 1.

The conference's attitude was indicated by the almost total lack of applause after Mr Wilson's 30-minute speech while Engineering Union leader Bryan Stanley was greeted with sustained crapping when he put the anti-common market case.

Times of Zambia

PISSOLES AND CHIPS After you have prepared your chips why not at the same time fry a couple of pissoles while the fat is still hot? Together with some salad, cut-up tomatoes and an egg, you now have a delicious hot lunch.

Richard Burton to teach English at Oxford

The Scotsman

QUALITY CONTROL IN PRINGING
Short Course 11-13 October 1978.

PETER Daisley of Daisley Associates Limited, consultants in Quality Management, is again collaborating with the London College of Printing in organising a Quality Control in Printing short course.

Journal and Graphic Review

What Mrs Thatcher's closest friends are wondering is whether, as the signs suggest, she is beginning to suffer from metal fatigue.

The Grauniad

A remittance prince? While the British press speculates that Prince Andrew is being sent to Lakefield College School to help Canada through a constitutional crisis, our sources tell us that the real reason for the prince's being sent to Cannada in mid-term is that heb xng bi& ng \$!((prondi iic456- % BN0Th;t cpty whhhhhenn e9090 (()) which issn't too sprising to those who know the boy's private interests.

Toronto Sun

HOW dare Ian Craig report that the Conservative party conference was inspired by Dave Eager's "daft speech."

(Mrs) M E Booth, Clayton.

FOOTNOTE: Sorry. A technical fault. It should have read "daft" instead of "daft."

Manchester Evening News

THAT OLD black magic has finally worked its spell on Highgate's own wicked witch David Farrant. He has fallen in love — and he says he's giving up witchcraft for ever. The girl who has lured Farrant away from midnight rituals in Highgate cemetery is 26-year-old Nancy O'Hoski, a speechech therapist from Grimsby.

Hornsey Journal

LORD Snowdon greeted Princess Margaret as she flew into Heathrow today with a welcoming hiss.

Evening Mail

Kit Patterson, Carlisle's clerk of the course, says: "The prospects for racing are very remote. There is snut and frost on the course and we will hold an inspection at noon tomorrow."

Herald Express

Five thugs last night pulled the British passenger ship Capetown Castle clear of the sandbank on which she went aground at Flushing early yesterday.

Irish News and Belfast Morning News

On the bottle

A bottle of sherry, together worth £3 18s, were stolen by a burglar who forced a window of a house in Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, last night.

Nottingham Evening Post and Standard

Lights test aims to spot dyslexia

As he follows lines of print, the normal reader moves his eyes jump, stop to absorb one or eyes jump, sop to absorb one or more words, then jump again. The fast reader will make shorter stops and fewer jumps, taking in more words more quickly than the slow reader.

The Sunday Times

LEWISHAM Leisure Centre is about to launch a new set of courses.

Each of the weekly courses — all but one containing sex sessions — begins at the centre in Rennell Street in September.

Lewisham Outlook

Thought For Today

The whle wrod is in a state of chassis.

—Sean O' Casey

The Rising Nepal

GIBSON (Life Baron, U.K.), Richard Patrick Tallentire Gibson; cr. 1975. Son of Francis Carbutt Gibson. B. Feb. 6, 1918; ed. Eton and Magdalen Coll., Oxford; m. July 14, 1945, Eileen Dione, d. of Hon. Clive Pearson. London Stock Exchange 1937. Served Middx. Yeo. 1939-41 (N). Africa 1940-41; P.O.W. 1941-43; Spec. Operations evoc. 1943-49. Political Intelligence Dept., Foreign Office 1945-46. Westminster Press 1947, Dir. 1948. Dir. of Whitehall Securities Corpn. 1948-50 and 1973. Dir. Financial Times Ltd. 1957. Chmn. Chmn. 1968. Chmn. Pension Loanman 1967. Chmn. Arts Council of Great Britain 1975-77. Chmn.-elect National Front. Cross-Bencher. Address, The Lord Gibson, Fern's Rocks, Groombridge, Sussex. Brooks's and Garrick Clubs.

Publishers Correction

1978 Edition of
Dod's Parliamentary Companion

Reference to Lord Gibson's biography on page 122; for National Front read NATIONAL TRUST.

DOG KENNEL, suit medium sized dog. Good condition. Very turdy. Buyer collects £9.99. 19 Beaupre Ave, Outwell, after 6 pm or weekends.

Wisbech Standard

While sympathising with the miners and arguing the British government could have acted to end the strike, Jessica Larive-Groenendaal (Neth) said she and her liberal colleagues could not support a strike called without a ballot.

European Parliament News

Dapper eloquent Mr. Thorpe strenuously denies charges that, with three other accused men, he plotted the murder of Normal Scott, who claims that he and the politician were once homosexual lovers.

Athens News

During the month of May, Henekey's steak bar will be supporting the Mayor's appeal for £45,000 towards an Emisonic Scanner for Windsor's King Edward VII Hospital.

For every customer who dies in the bar during the month, 20p will be donated towards the fund.

Staines Informer

Arresting sight

SUPER-SLIMMER PC Michael Sykes, from Bradford, Yorks, has gone from 16½ stone to 15 stone. He says: "The hardest thing is that every advert on TV seems to be for food."

"But my wife has joined me and that's helped. She's lost half a stone in a wee."

The Sunday People

PALACE, S CC. 01-437 6834. From Sept. 17. The Fabulous New Production of **OKLAHOMA!**

The Times

SHEFFIELD UNITED yesterday became the first of those teams at the top or the bottom to have their fate settled when they were relegated to the Second Division. United's First Division life, slowly ebbing away since the start of the season, came to a painful end at Tottenham, where they were hammered 5-0 through goals by Willie Young, John Duncan, Steve Perryman (2) and Fartin Chivers.

The Sunday Times

Make no mistake — Epson printers are the most reliable type in the world.

The only time they ever strike is when their print heads hit the paper. The superb-quality LQ2500 will do this 200 million times before it gives out, and even the most basic model can manage 100 million.

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EPSON

For further information on the Epson computer printer range, either write to Epson (U.K.) Limited, Freepost, Birmingham B37 5BR; contact Prestel *280#; or dial 100 and ask for Freefone Epson.

Enkalon is to get £1,500,000 via the Northern Ireland Office to keep the textiles and carpet yarn factory open for another seven months.

The Daily Getelaph

TRIOMPHE, 92, Champs-Elysées, Bel. 45-76. George-V Seances 14h, 16h 18h, 20h 22h. Film: 25 mn apres. Sam et volles de fites: séance suppl. à 24h. Pl.: 14 F. C. O. EMMANUELLE (English Subtitles)

L'Officiel des Spectacles (Paris)

WORLD SUMMARY

Dutch general loses Nato post

Brussels - A senior Dutch general has been removed from his top Nato post because of his inability to work together with his international staff (Frederick Bonarrat writes).

Lieutenant-General Gerard Berkhof was appointed Chief of Staff of the HQ of Allied Forces Central Europe in February, but his way of working led to friction in his staff to such an extent that his superior, General Leopold Chalupa of West Germany, to ask the Dutch Ministry of Defence to withdraw him.

General Chalupa commands all the Nato military forces in the central region, including the British Army of the Rhine and all the US, Belgian, Canadian and Dutch forces stationed in West Germany.

Wife dies Soldiers in blast swapped

Dhaka - A bomb exploded at the house of a prominent opposition leader in Chittagong yesterday, killing Mrs Mohiuddin Chowdhury, the wife of the local chief of the Awami League, (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Two people were taken to hospital in critical condition.

Machgara, Lebanon (AFP) - Syrian forces and pro-Iranian fundamentalist Hezbollah militiamen have exchanged prisoners seized on Tuesday in tit-for-tat actions.

The swap was effected by the arrival of a Hezbollah detachment armed with heavy artillery.

Minister faces trial

Madrid - A Spanish court yesterday ordered Señor Demetrio Madrid, the 50-year-old Socialist Chief Minister of Castilla-León, to stand trial on charges of fraudulently selling a family textile business (Richard Wigg writes).

The action had been brought against him by 11 women factory workers, who claim they were left unpaid after the sale of the business, which had gone bankrupt.

The majority of the workers were dismissed without the compensation required under Spain's labour laws dating from the Franco era.

This is the first time since Spain established the 17 autonomous regions that a chief minister has been sent for trial.

Iran debt pact near Holiday in depth

Paris (AFP) - France and Iran have taken an important step towards resolving a lingering financial dispute centring on a \$1.6 billion loan from Tehran to the French Atomic Energy Commission in 1974. No details were given.

Helsinki (AFP) - The state-owned Valmet shipyard in Turku has signed a deal with an American company to build a tourist submarine capable of taking 46 passengers down to a depth of 325 ft. The 50 ft vessel will be used for trips in the western Pacific.

7 the lucky number

Oberursel, West Germany (AP) - An 81-year-old West German woman won her fortune of £150,000 in the family in her home town with the most minor children.

The woman, Frau Else Benke, who lived quietly in this Tannus mountain city north of Frankfurt, stipulated only that the family must have at least "seven minor children."

A family has been found meeting the requirements with seven children between the ages of 18 months and seven years. But there is still time for others to apply.

Choking the Invalides in protest



More than 200 French removal vans choked the centre of Paris yesterday, blocking the Place des Invalides and the Alexandre III Bridge, to protest against new public allowance cuts for families moving house.

Pretoria blamed for Machel's death but not the plane crash

From Michael Hornsby Maputo

Leaders of the six black-ruled frontline states in southern Africa yesterday blamed the Pretoria Government for the death of President Machel of Mozambique but stopped short of accusing it of causing the plane crash in which he died on October 19.

Answering questions after the summit was over, President Kaunda of Zambia, the group's current chairman, said, however, that "a number of our governments hold the South African government directly responsible for this tragedy until they prove the contrary."

President Kaunda also dismissed as "nothing new" Tuesday's "declaration of war" on Zimbabwe by the Renamo insurgents in Mozambique. "The so-called declaration of war was really a question of 'his master's voice'. They were telling the world what South Africa has

already done," he said.

Zimbabwe has had troops deployed here for several years in support of Mozambique government forces. Their numbers are put at anywhere between 6,000 and 12,000 men.

It was the first meeting of the frontline states - Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe - since President Machel's death. Their leaders were in Maputo for his state funeral on Tuesday and prolonged their stay by one extra day.

In their formal communique the leaders declared that President Machel "fell victim to apartheid, which carries out acts of aggression and destabilization and murders of innocent citizens in this region."

But Mr R F (Pik) Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, said the Mozambique government had been told he may be required to return to South Africa to give evidence before a judicial inquiry into the cause of the disaster.

Mr Botha's statement identified Mr Vladimir Novoselov as the flight engineer on board President Machel's Soviet-built Tupolev-134 jet aircraft.

There has been confusion so far about whether he was the pilot of the aircraft but Mr Botha's statement appears to make it clear that the pilot did not survive.

There is a growing impatience in Pretoria over claims that South Africa was to blame for the crash.

Leading article, page 19

JOHANNESBURG: A Soviet airman who survived the

Israelis put clamp on arms dealers Afghan defector says Army weakening

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

New regulations aimed at restricting the operations of Israel's 800 or so private, but authorized, arms dealers around the world have just been approved in the Knesset.

They were drawn up after a series of scandals, largely unmentioned in the United States, including an alleged multi-million-dollar plot by a consortium led by a retired Israeli brigadier to smuggle a huge arms shipment to Iran.

Until now arms dealers have been able to operate legitimately once they obtained a letter of accreditation from the Ministry of Defence.

In future no sale can even start without an individual permit being issued showing the names of the dealer, the potential purchaser and any intermediaries, along with the type and quantity of weapons involved. Before the final contract is signed a dealer will require a second permit setting out the terms of the sale, including details of how payment is to be made.

Explaining the new regulations to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, said they would make it possible to keep a central record of all deals under negotiation or concluded.

All existing 800 or so letters of accreditation from the Ministry of Defence have been invalidated by the new procedure and can no longer be used by a dealer as proof that he is operating legitimately.

"What the arms dealers were carrying until now were blank cheques, in a manner of speaking, and we had no supervision over their affairs," Mr Rabin said.

It is likely that the Knesset will also set up its own body to supervise national policy on arms exports.

Islamabad (Reuter) - A senior Afghan Army officer said yesterday that he had defected to the anti-government Muslim rebels two weeks ago, and painted a grim picture of the deteriorating military situation inside the country.

Colonel Hashmatullah, aged 43, deputy commander of a division stationed between Kabul and the border with Pakistan, said here that he had become a convinced anti-communist since the Soviet military intervention in 1979.

Colonel Hashmatullah, who reached Pakistan with his wife and three children a few days ago, said he had joined the radical Muslim Hezb-e-Islami group, one of the main guerrilla organizations fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

Referring to the state of the Afghan Army, he said the men did not want to fight the rebels, relations with the Soviet forces in the country were poor and the military situation was deteriorating.

His defection 13 days ago was followed a week later by that of an Afghan Air Force pilot who flew his Soviet-built MiG 21 jet fighter across the border to Pakistan.

A Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman said the plane would be kept here until the end of the "civil war" in Afghanistan, following standard international practice.

The spokesman said the pilot, identified by Afghan exiles as Lieutenant Muhammad Daud, would be given political asylum.

Official killed: Mr Mohammad Ali Samim, a senior Afghan Communist Party leader, was buried on Tuesday at a large state funeral attended by top leaders the day after he was killed by a land mine planted by guerrillas, the Afghan Government announced (AP reports).

PLO dispute feared

An attempt to secure observer status for the Palestine Liberation Organization has raised the prospect of further political disputes at the International Red Cross conference (Alan McGregor writes).

A letter requesting such recognition from a PLO representative accompanying the Palestine Red Crescent delega-

tion has been delivered here. The delegation is headed by Dr Fathi Arafat, brother of the PLO president.

As there is no precedent for observer status being granted to any such organization the conference bureau is not expected to pass the application to the conference.

Mubarak silences opponents with admission of torture

From Robert Fisk, Cairo

Even the super-critical Egyptian opposition parties were amazed when President Mubarak's Government admitted that the security authorities had been using torture against political detainees.

Mr Mubarak has claimed that he "truly believes in democracy", yet the announcement by the Egyptian prosecutor general that criminal proceedings would commence against 41 policemen for torturing imprisoned Islamic fundamentalists was unprecedented.

The small opposition groups in Egypt, who regularly complain that elections are rigged and that Mr Mubarak has no interest in real democracy, were for once reduced to silence. Their low circulation newspapers had for months been alleging that such torture was taking place, but when Mr Mohamed Abdul Aziz el-Guindy, the State Prosecutor, made his announcement, the newspaper of the New Wafd Party praised him for his "very bold" act, adding only that it hoped to see further prosecutions.

When the revelations of torture were first made by the papers, Mr Fouad Serag el-Din, the leader of the New Wafd Party, demanded the immediate dismissal of General Zaki Badr, the Interior Minister appointed by Mr Mubarak after the security police riots last February.

Amid the growing claims that fundamentalist detainees have been subjected to sexual abuse, electric shocks and severe beatings, General Badr is fast becoming as much a hate figure as his dismissed predecessor, General Ahmed Rushdy. But opposition concern for the fundamentalists probably has as much to do with its own lack of political support as it does with human rights.

Yet they consistently claim that their support will never be reflected at the polls because their leaders are convinced that elections are rigged by the Government. On October 1, the five opposition parties refused to put up candidates for elections to the Egyptian upper house, the Majlis el-Shura, thus ensuring President Mubarak's New Democratic Party (NDP) a ludicrous 98 per cent of the votes. The figure - which was reminiscent of the results of the fraudulent elections held under President Nasser - thus destroyed the credibility of the NDP's victory.

According to Mr Elwi Hafez, a member of the Wafd's High Council, the Majlis el-Shura has in any case no representative function, being a family council as the late President Sadat intended it to be... a council for his family to collect people loyal to him and give them salaries and privileges and enable them to enhance their personal interests."

Yet the conviction that the polls are rigged is a very real one. Mr Mustafa Murad, the leader of the Liberal Party - which has no seats in the parliamentary assembly - insists there can be no proper

elections until independent judges replace police officials at the 22,000 ballot stations throughout Egypt and until ballot papers are allotted by name rather than handed out anonymously to voters.

"We have got two out of 21 fundamentalist groups to give their support to us," he says. "But making them understand what we are trying to do can be difficult. We had a meeting at our party office in Chobra the other day and one of the fundamentalists shouted: 'We must kill Mubarak!'"

"I said to him: 'You are mad. If you kill Mubarak, someone else will come along and they will hang you and that will be the end. You cannot have everything Islamic - there are many Christians here in Egypt who won't have that and many liberal people who don't want it. You must work within the democratic system. Don't try to overthrow the Government.' But for this persuasion to work, Mubarak has to make the elections fair."

The NDP did try to ameliorate the results of the recent election by offering its opponents some of the 35 seats distributed by appointment rather than election, but only Mr Ahmed Sabahi, the leader of the Umma Party which is fundamentalist orientated, has accepted.

For the present, therefore, the five orthodox opposition groups in Egypt remain a noisy though comparatively powerless political force. Their existence has certainly helped to break down the walls of fear which President Nasser erected around Egypt's political life. But the suspicion remains that they provide merely a valve for the expression of discontent against the monolithic party apparatus run by the president.



General Badr demands for his dismissal.

Swiss bicycle troops want new mounts

Geneva - Neutral Switzerland, methodically modernizing its conventional armaments in this thermonuclear age, is seeking new mounts for its bicycle battalions (Alan McGregor writes).

The current bicycle dates from 1905. The Defence Ministry says manufacturing spare for it has become uneconomic and an identical new one now costs £500.

Americans considering radio swap with Russia

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

US and Soviet officials have held talks aimed at negotiating an unusual exchange of radio programmes.

Mr Charles Wick, director of the United States Information Agency (USIA) said that the tentative idea was to broadcast Voice of America programmes on Soviet domestic stations, in exchange for the right to carry Moscow radio programmes on stations

in America.

Mr Wick met Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, the Soviet Communist Party secretary in charge of propaganda, in Reykjavik during the summit.

In an interview with The New York Times, Mr Wick said that as a result of these talks he was finding out whether an American radio network was willing to allocate time to Moscow radio

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Germans back Britain on terrorism

Bonn seeks Syrian answer to UK dossier

From John England, Bonn

The West German Ambassador in Damascus is to present the Syrian government with British evidence of its involvement in terrorism and ask for an explanation, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here yesterday.

Herr Jürgen Curobog said Bonn would receive no visits by Syrian government members until further notice and the activities of the Syrian Embassy here would be examined. The Syrian Arab Airlines, which at present makes four flights a week to West Germany, would also be told to reduce its staff here.

Meanwhile, the West German government yesterday approved new anti-terrorism measures, including a "supergrass" law, as security men stepped up their hunt for terrorists who attacked a senior civil servant in West Berlin on Tuesday.

The extreme left-wing "Revolutionary Cells" terrorist group, which is close to the notorious Red Army Faction, later claimed responsibility for the attack. Earlier on Tuesday, the group had also said it was behind a bomb attack on the headquarters of the Lufthansa airline in Cologne which caused damage but hurt no one.

The question of a replacement for Dr Herbert Weöckel, the Ambassador, who has been in Damascus since September, 1981, and is due to

return to Bonn soon on the expiry of his tour of duty, would depend upon the outcome of the trial in West Berlin of Ahmed Hasi, a brother of Nezar Hindawi, Herr Curobog added.

Mr Hasi is to go on trial on November 17 charged with a bomb attack on the German Arab Society in West Berlin on March 28 this year in which nine people were injured. He is also suspected of involvement in the bombing of the La Belle disco in West Berlin on April 6 which killed three people and injured more than 200 others.

Mr Hasi has told police that he obtained the explosives for the attack on the German Arab Society from the Syrian Embassy in East Berlin. He also said that Hindawi had master-minded that bombing and arranged for a Syrian explosives expert to travel to West Berlin to repair a bomb that had failed twice to explode.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, said on Tuesday that Bonn supported all of Britain's calls for effective EEC measures in the fight against international terrorism.

In Tuesday's Berlin attack, Herr Harald Hollenberg, aged 54, the chief of the Aliens Office, was shot in the legs as he left his home to go to work. His attackers, a young man



aged about 20 and a woman, fled the scene on bicycles and were then seen getting into an estate car driven by another man.

A letter from the terrorists said they had shot Herr Hollenberg because he was a "man-hunter and desk criminal" who was responsible for the deaths of six Third World asylum-seekers in a fire in a Berlin prison

where they were awaiting deportation.

Dr Kurt Rebmann, the Federal Public Prosecutor, yesterday took over the investigation into the attack as Federal Criminal Bureau anti-terrorist specialists joined the hunt for the terrorists. Dr Rebmann was also present at the Bonn Cabinet meeting which approved a package of new and tougher measures to

step up the fight against terrorism.

The measures include a controversial Bill which will allow terrorists to turn state evidence against their comrades in return for freedom or mild sentences. The "supergrass" law will be unique in German legal history, and the opposition Social Democrats and Greens are against it.

Mrs Kathrine Young, wife of the Counsellor at the British Embassy in Damascus, Mr Rob Young, and their daughter, Juliette, finishing their packing.

Tension has been mounting because of a Syrian press campaign accusing Britain of preparing aggression against the Syrian capital. British Embassy staff are due to leave tomorrow.

Beirut TV shows film of baby for hostage

From Juan Carlos Guncacio Beirut

If Islamic Jihad were in a good mood, Mr Terry Anderson, the American journalist held hostage in Lebanon, probably had a chance last night to watch a one-minute videotape of the baby daughter he has never seen.

Lebanese television broadcast the film, a touching birthday greeting, after newspapers gave advance notice.

Mr Anderson, the chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press, was 39 on Monday. The film showed 16-month-old Sulome Theresa Anderson in a white dress hugging and kissing her father's smiling portrait while her mother read a message: "Terry darling, happy birthday, my love. I miss you very much. Our daughter misses you too. She knows you, she calls 'Papa-Dada' all the time and showers your picture with kisses. She is a good girl and a great comfort with you away, especially since she is so much like you. We want you with us, darling. God willing it will not be long."

Mr Anderson was abducted in Beirut on March 16, 1985.

● Camps fighting: More Sunni Muslim militiamen were deployed yesterday to halt Palestinian-Shia fighting at refugee camps in south Lebanon (Reuters reports).

Zimbabwe white 'vigilantes' arrested

From Michael Hartnack Harare

Zimbabwe security police have detained four whites who are alleged to have formed a vigilante group and assaulted blacks after university students and Zanu (PF) youth-wing activists beat up white pedestrians and motorists in last Tuesday's riot here.

The students reacted to reports that South Africa was responsible for the death of Mozambique's President Samora Machel by attacking South African and Malawian airline and diplomatic offices, and the United States Embassy. American diplomats have complained that police failed to intervene.

About 50 white passers-by were beaten up, including reporters and cameramen. University students said four of their number were abducted and severely assaulted by a group of nine white "vigilantes" while making their way back to the campus.

Police detained 98 students under the state of emergency during the city centre violence, but later freed them "pending further inquiries" so they could do their examinations. A police spokesman said the names of the four whites being detained would not be disclosed while they were "helping police with inquiries".

The Ben Gurion game

Guessing what the Old Man would do

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

There is a popular game among Israeli politicians and commentators called "What would the old man do?" It is a leadership game, in which the winner is the one who guesses what David Ben Gurion, the grand old man of Israel, would have thought or said about a current problem.

This is the year of Ben Gurion's centenary and the game is now at its most fashionable.

At a special opening session of the Knesset on Monday, Mr Shlomo Hillel, the Speaker, argued that the Old Man today would be pressing hard for Israel to develop its agricultural system.

Ben Gurion, he argued, was a pragmatic idealist who had been prepared to defy military, political and economic experts to remain true to Zionist hopes. For him those hopes lay in work, security, the conquest of the Negev Desert and in encouraging immigration.

Other players of the game include Mr Shimon Peres,



● Ben Gurion was prepared to defy experts to remain true to Zionism ●

who has personally chosen to pursue that idea of taming the Negev. Since stepping down as Prime Minister last week, he has taken over the chairmanship of a special new committee which is to concentrate on developing the desert.

Today, the dream Ben Gurion had of settling the desert and turning it into a thriving area of the Jewish state he founded is still a dream. For some of its early settlers it has become a nightmare.

According to Mr Aharon Yadin, secretary of the United Kibbutz Movement: "The Negev has become a peripheral area. The number of people leaving exceeds those settling there. The problem is not one of money, but one of vision."

According to the chairman of the Jewish National Front, Mr Moshe Rivlin, every Negev town is losing population, factories and shops are closing, unemployment is rising and thousands of apartments are standing empty.

The Negev Assembly, which represents the area's settlements, threatened to boycott the Ben Gurion centenary celebrations until Mr Peres gave a promise that the desert was high on the Government's list of priorities.

The special Negev ministerial committee has already

been bombarded with complaints that the government has failed to move industry south to create the jobs needed to realize Ben Gurion's dream. Mr Peres is promising now to build a new settlement in the desert, Kfar David, within the next two years. Fifteen volunteer settler families are ready to move in, but the money will have to come from overseas.

Money could soon come if the desert realizes its potential as the power plant for the nation. Mr Moshe Shahal, the Energy Minister, has just announced a \$26 million (£18 million) plan to build a five-megawatt power station in the desert, burning the oil shale found there to produce electricity for the national grid.

Ministry officials say that there are some 10 billion tons of oil shale in the Negev, enough to supply the country with electricity for the next 50 years.

Another \$500,000 is to be spent prospecting for uranium and other ores, which could be plentiful. A \$1 million experimental wind turbine centre to test the energy potential of the hot desert winds is to go up. A \$4 million solar energy research centre is also planned.

Scientific advance of this sort would certainly please Ben Gurion, who founded a University of the Desert centred on his home there at Sde Boker. Ben Gurion and his wife, Paula, are buried there, in a grave which looks out across the barren Wilderness of Zin, which he dreamt of taming.

For Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the new Prime Minister, the answer to the leadership game is to encourage and fight for the immigration of Jews from all over the world and then to settle them on the land.

Economic growth, he told the Knesset in his inaugural address last week, was essential to the fulfilment of the Zionist goals "above all, Aliyah (immigration to Israel)".

In his idea of a Ben Gurion-inspired Zionist economy he focused on "the supreme value of settlement throughout the land of Israel. We will not discriminate between one part of the country and another: just as there is one people of Israel, there is one land of Israel."

His idea of settlement includes not only the Negev but the occupied territories. Mr Peres, only too aware of the problems this poses for the peace process, dreams of diverting settlement into the empty Negev, and he is doing all he can to see the dream of the Old Man to help him.

The trouble with the game is that there is no way of knowing the correct answer. Ben Gurion left behind him one of the most minutely detailed records of any great man's life. His diary, written in four copies, documents everything he did and wrote from 1915 to his death in 1973. He even took notes of conversations he was having, a habit people found very disconcerting as they sat with him.

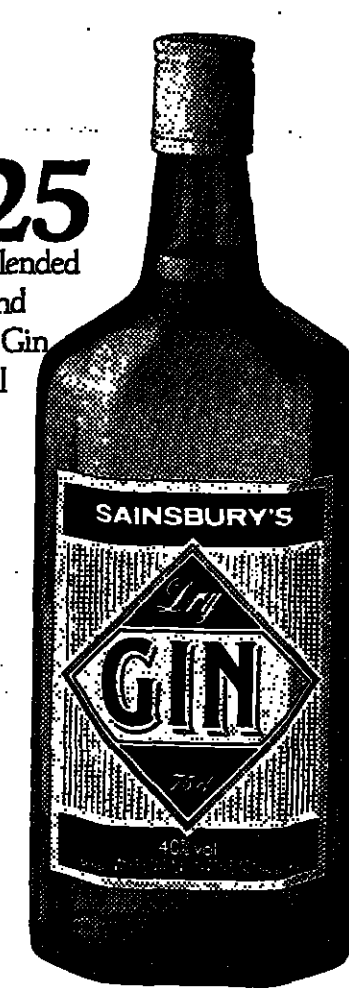
The result is that it is possible to find contradictory opinions and ideas sprinkled throughout his writing. There is comfort and criticism for all.

His legacy, acquired by dint of stubborn single-mindedness, is the very existence of the state of Israel. But leaders who look to him for guidance about how to run the state of Israel today find contradictory idealism: inspiration more often than practical advice.

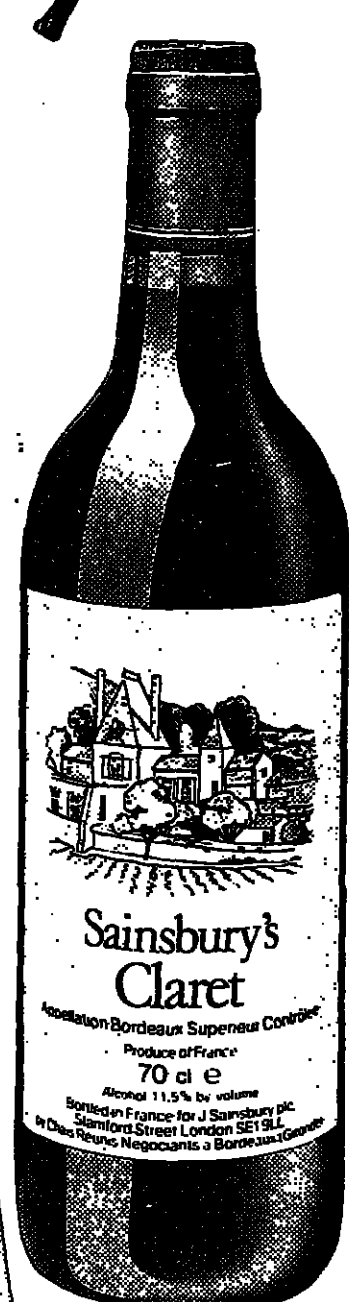
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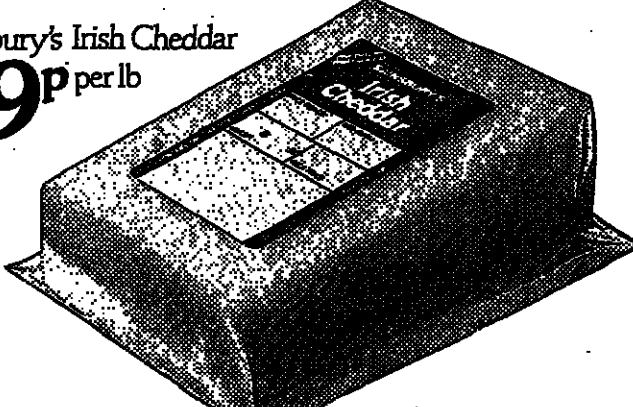


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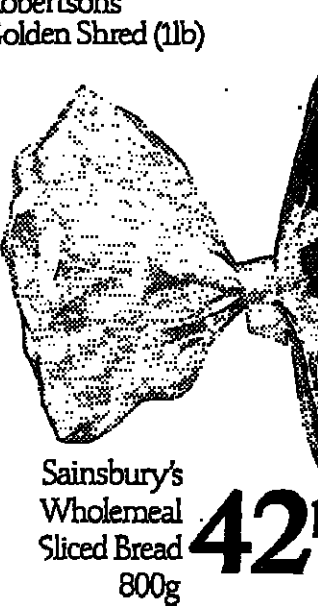
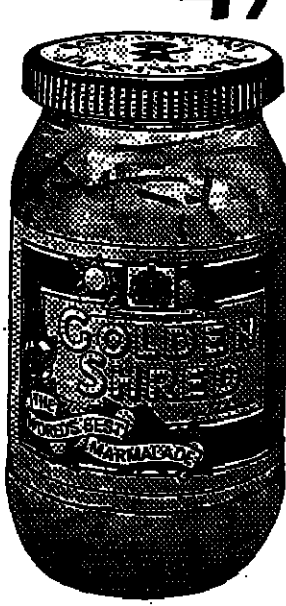
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Police prepare to storm Seoul campus held by 1,000 students

Seoul (Reuters) — South Korean riot police massed in the grounds of a Seoul university last night, preparing to storm campus buildings and arrest nearly 1,000 radical students holed up inside.

The students, who occupied the library and four other buildings at Konkuk University on Tuesday night after police broke up a major anti-government rally, splashed petrol around the buildings and threatened to burn them down if police moved against them.

Police said state prosecutors ordered them on to the campus to detain all the protesters. A police spokesman said formal charges would be brought against all those who led the occupation and Tuesday's demonstration.

Students told reporters they would end their sit-in if the police withdrew from the campus and guaranteed their "safe return home". But police refused to meet the protesters' demand and barred entry of food and drinks to them.

Some protesters lit bonfires on the roof of a building as temperatures dropped to below zero last night.

Government officials said many of the protesters might be charged with breaking the tough national security law, which bans all pro-North Korean activities and carries a maximum penalty of death.

The radicals shouted slogans against the government of President Chun Doo Hwan and called for the withdrawal of 40,000 American troops stationed in South Korea.

They also accused the government of fabricating pro-communist charges against students.

After Tuesday's campus demonstration, during which 95 students were arrested, Konkuk University suspended all classes. At mid-afternoon yesterday, 115 students left the library and surrendered to police, saying they were caught up in the occupation against their will.

About 2,000 students from 26 universities and colleges attended yesterday's rally. They burned effigies of President Chun, President Reagan and of the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, and shouted "Down with military dictatorship" and "Out with US and Japanese imperialism," witnesses said.

The government is waging a major crackdown on students, workers and other activists it says are echoing communist propaganda.

Earlier this month an opposition MP was arrested for a speech in the National Assembly in which he said the country's main policy should be reunification with the north rather than anti-communism.



Masked student demonstrators on the roof of a building at Seoul's Konkuk University during their sit-in protest yesterday

Delhi Cabinet reshuffle Gandhi clips wings of his leading potential rivals

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has shown that, like his mother, Mrs Indira Gandhi, he will not allow other politicians to grow so powerful that they could be a threat to his own position either in the Congress Party or in the country.

The reshuffle in his Council of Ministers which he carried through last week has shown a sure, ruthless streak in attaining the ambitions of several powerful men.

Mr Arjun Singh, for example, who is said to be losing his post as vice-president of the party, has been brought into the Cabinet with a relatively undemanding portfolio as Minister of Communications.

Mr Bhajan Lal, who was promised a Cabinet job in return for resigning as Chief Minister of Haryana, has been given the even more exigent responsibilities of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

But it is Mr Arun Nehru, who until earlier this year was spoken of as the second most powerful man in India, who has been most ruthlessly dealt with. The 42-year-old former businessman who entered politics only six years ago, was spoken of as "the fastest rising star in the firmament of Rajiv Gandhi's Government", despite being only a junior minister, and not having independent charge of a department. Now he has been turfed out, and no other post has yet been announced for him.

Only a year ago he was given charge of the profoundly sensitive internal security portfolio within the Home Ministry.

His job description listed 52 areas under his control, and they included the Intelligence Bureau, all the paramilitary police forces and all police training. The presidential statement announcing his appointment made specific mention that his department was created to eliminate all threats to the "integrity of India", a catchall which gave him entrée to every law enforcement agency in the country.

But that was not the full extent of his power. Since administration of the police is a state subject, his job brought him into contact with every Chief Minister, and into a position of considerable political patronage. He owed at least something of his rapid rise in politics to the fact that he and Mr Gandhi are third cousins. His great-grandfather and Motilal Nehru, Jawaharlal Nehru's father, were brothers.

In his business career, Mr Nehru had risen rapidly through the sales side of the paint manufacturer, Jenson and Nicholson. When the company bought out its British owners he was one of the bright young executives who took control. Six years later he became the company president.

For some years he had been helping his younger cousin, Sanjay Gandhi, the Prime Minister's more political brother, and when Mrs Indira Gandhi was looking for someone to fight what used to be her seat in Rae Bareilly, in Uttar Pradesh, her eye lighted on



Mr Arun Nehru: dealt with ruthlessly

Mr Nehru. She wanted to keep it in the family.

He took to politics like a seal to a barn, and became one of Mr Rajiv Gandhi's kitchen cabinet, advising the heir apparent on modernizing politics, using up-to-date business methods. When Mr Gandhi became Prime Minister, Mr Nehru's direct access to him, the fact that he relied on him for advice, made him immensely powerful.

Added to that was his own taste for the trading and deal-making that politics required, but which the new Prime Minister seemed to dislike. Mr Nehru could wag his finger and summon senior Cabinet colleagues.

When he was first made a junior minister in the Power Ministry he caused consternation in his senior minister by arriving early and commandeering the minister's office.

He gained a reputation for arrogance. His power began to be resented. He was represented as setting himself up as an alternative prime minister, a man who was available should Mr Rajiv Gandhi succumb.

Eventually he and Mr Gandhi seemed to fall out. When Mr Nehru had a mild heart attack earlier this year, it was noted that Mr Gandhi did not visit his bedside. While he was recovering his duties were transferred to a much more junior minister. Finally, civil servants loyal to him were transferred by the Home Min-

ister, Mr Bata Singh, to other, less crucial, positions.

Even his political clients began to be badly treated. Mr Sitaram Kesari, for example, a Nehru follower, was denied a party ticket for the recent Rajya Sabha elections, and is among those ministers also dismissed in the present reshuffle.

The first victim of the sackings which followed the abortive attempt on the Prime Minister's life earlier this month was Mr Nehru's wife's brother, Mr Gantam Kamal, head of the Delhi police security force.

It is suggested that the present round of ministerial changes was postponed for some weeks (there have long been rumours of an impending reshuffle) while Mr Nehru refused another junior post, and fought either to save his present job or for promotion to the Cabinet.

In the end, however, Mr Gandhi has shown that he is capable, as Mr Attlee suggested all good prime ministers should be, of being a good butcher.

On-off curfew in Amritsar

Chandigarh (Reuters) — Indian authorities imposed, then lifted, a curfew on the Sikh holy city of Amritsar yesterday as police tightened security in Punjab to prevent

Hindu-Sikh clashes.

The curfew will be reimposed tomorrow, when two militant Hindu groups and a hardline Sikh group have called for demonstrations.

Witnesses said police fired tear gas and made baton charges to break up groups of demonstrators as markets were shut in a protest strike in the city, capital of the North-West Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan.

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Briton in Bhopal court plea

Delhi (Reuters) — The Indian Supreme Court agreed yesterday to hear Mr David Bergman, a Briton whose advocacy of Bhopal gas disaster victims' rights landed him in jail in the Indian city where 2,000 people died.

Mr Bergman, aged 21, said India's highest court had agreed to hear his plea that he be allowed to remain in India, that an order restraining him to Bhopal be lifted and that other charges be dropped. The hearing is scheduled for today.

"I want to stay in India, to get all the charges cleared and to continue to be allowed to work in Bhopal," Mr Bergman said.

At the time of his detention, police, while not commenting officially, told local reporters that he had obtained confidential documents and might be a spy for Union Carbide, which owns the pesticide plant that leaked a lethal cloud of methyl isocyanate gas in 1984.

Mr Bergman, a law graduate from Birmingham, cycled from Britain to India, arriving in February 1986, to raise money for the victims of the disaster.

He has said the charges are baseless and that the Madhya Pradesh state government is conducting a campaign against volunteer relief workers to cover up official inactivity.

Pakistan clash over bomb blast

Peshawar (Reuters) — Police clashed yesterday with an angry crowd which rampaged through this Pakistani border city in protest at a bomb blast on Tuesday that killed six people and injured 20.

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French fly riot police to islands

Noumea (AFP) — France was flying in 30 riot police to its remote Pacific territory of Wallis and Futuna islands, where a state of emergency was proclaimed yesterday, the French High Commission in New Caledonia announced.

An official said that there had been local agitation after a decision to transfer a number of civil servants.

M Jacques le Henaff, the Administrator of Wallis and Futuna, said the normal functioning of the administration was being questioned.

Poll shows Aden's strength

By Nicholas Beeston

The South Yemeni elections which end today are seen by Western diplomats as a signal that the country's new leadership feels confident and strong nine months after taking power in a bloody coup.

Some 176 candidates from the Marxist South Yemeni Socialist Party and independents are contesting 111 seats for the People's Supreme Council, in conjunction with local council elections.

The election, only the second since the state gained independence from Britain in 1967, come in the wake of January's fierce street battles in Aden, when President Muhammad fled the country with 6,000 supporters to the rival state of North Yemen.

In spite of appeals from the exiled leadership to boycott the elections, a Western diplomatic source in Aden said yesterday that President al-Atias had consolidated his position substantially and a high turnout was expected.

Reports received in Aden said that some of the 660,000 voters are being forced to vote by the Government's "defence committees", but one source said the elections in themselves are an indication of the Government's feeling of security.

Although South Yemen is still "100 per cent allied to the Soviet Union", the new Government is seen by Western diplomats as more moderate.

Long-regarded as one of the hardline Middle Eastern states, with close relations with Libya, Syria and Iran, Aden this year has distanced itself significantly from Damascus and is improving ties with Iraq.

"South Yemen can no longer be accurately placed in the hardline camp," commented one Aden-based diplomat, who predicted that the country would seek to improve relations with the West.

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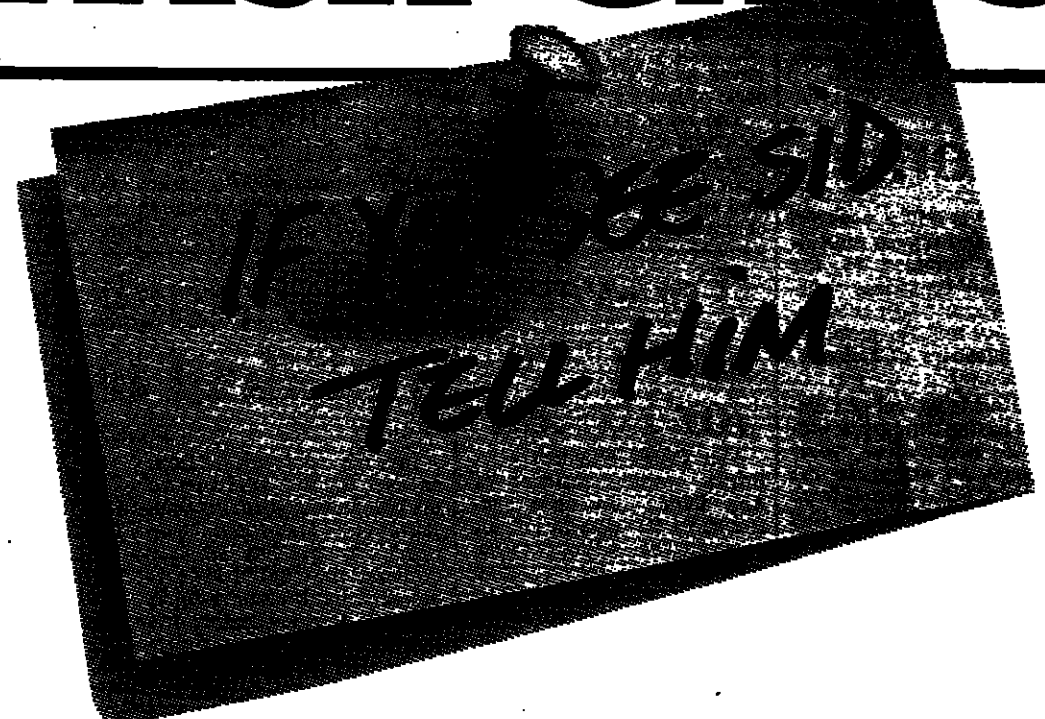


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Delhi Cabinet reshuffle
Gandhi clips wings
of his leading
potential rivals

From Michael Hamilton, Delhi
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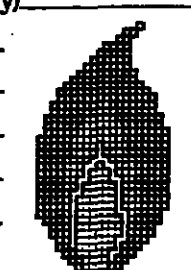
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Reagan's rallying call fights off Democratic advances in close vote

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The fight for control of the Senate, the greatest prize of the mid-term elections next Tuesday, has become tantalisingly close as opinion polls point to steady advances by the Democrats in some critical races around the country.

Some polls point to the possibility that the 100-member Senate — each state has two senators — could be divided equally between Democrats and Republicans. That would leave Vice-President George Bush with the tie-breaking vote.

At present the Republicans have a 53 to 47 majority. If the Senate fell to the Democrats it would be a disaster for Mr Reagan's policies in his final two years. The party in control of the chamber controls which bills get promoted and heads the committees. The House of Representatives is already solidly Democratic and a totally hostile Capitol Hill is a Republican nightmare.

President Reagan is campaigning in marginal states around his neck. Well, he threw that sign away. Now it reads: "Don't tread on me". Today every nicker-and-dime dictator around the world knows that if he tangles with the United States of America, he will have to pay a price.

The closest Senate race is in Alabama, Colorado, Idaho, North Carolina, South Dakota and Washington state. Of the 34 Senate seats being contested, 22 are held by Republicans.

With the absence of any real national issue, campaigning has become intensely personalised and has produced some bizarre excesses. All over the country, for example, television viewers are being treated to the sight of candidates emerging from the toilet holding forth a sample bottle of urine to be submitted for drug testing.

Pilot whales, ironically, are routinely victims of the notorious Icelandic ritual slaughter known as the *grind*, which exploits the tendency of the pod to follow a leader (or pilot). In the *grind* the leader is diverted into shallow waters; the pod follows and all are then hacked to death with ceremonial knives and the meat distributed according to ancient formulae.

It is thought that this particular group may have been stranded because the leader, for whatever reason, became confused and the rest of the pod followed instinctively to their doom.

Whales follow leader to the end



Scientists and onlookers with some of the 148 pilot whales which stranded themselves on a beach on the south-western coast of Iceland at the weekend.

The mass suicide, one of the largest incidents of its kind ever recorded, is already attracting international attention. Scientists have been trying for years to find an explanation for the phenomenon

Among the favoured theories are the effects of parasites or geographical disruptions of magnetic fields, either of which might disorientate the animals.

Hart the loner goes home

From Michael Binyon Denver

Mr Gary Hart is no longer a Colorado senator, but he was back here campaigning this week for the Democratic contender for his seat.

It was a gesture of solidarity from the man who represented the Rocky Mountain state in Washington for 12 years.

But few expect to see him around in the future his own presidential ambitions, all but officially announced, will take him all over the country, as they did in 1984.

It was that last campaign which really cost Mr Hart his Senate job. For though Coloradoans were proud while he led the opposition to Walter Mondale in the Democratic primaries, the inevitable murmurs began as his challenge faltered and collapsed.

He put his ambitions above his state, critics said, missing Senate votes and neglecting his home state.

Many resented Colorado being used as a launching pad to the White House. And Mr Hart realized he had to choose this year between re-election or resignation to pursue his presidential dream.

Inevitably he will be judged as a presidential candidate on his Senate record. And while at least a third of Colorado remains sharply opposed to Mr Hart, many would concede he was a good, if unusual, senator.

He was not a great legislator. Nor did he excel in pork-barrel politics, wheeling and dealing to steer government contracts to his home state.



US MID-TERM ELECTIONS

For the typical senator's back-slapping and baby-kissing or for a bluff man-of-the-people approach.

Instead supporters here speak of intellectual integrity, of commitment to liberal social principles, of original thinking and independent views.

Such qualities made him respected rather than revered, drew praise from the sophisticated but not mass following.

Mr Hart's shadow does not loom large over Colorado in the way that big Senate fixers have dominated their home states.

But neither is his strong support for the environment, for vital water projects, for ethnic minorities and entrepreneurs, forgotten in a state that still has something of the frontier spirit.

In Colorado enterprise counts for more than race, class or unions, belief in progress is still a powerful motivator and rugged individualism is common to the sportsmen of the sparse mountains, the immigrants to booming Denver and the gleaming space industries of Colorado Springs.

Mr Hart is typical of Colorado in having little truck with machine politics or party patronage, so strong in the older East. What seemed fresh and new in 1984 was in fact typical of much in the politics of the West.

Here the man means more than the party and voters happily ignore liberal or conservative labels if they detect leadership.

Colorado and other western states generally vote Republican in national elections, yet have recently produced some of the more innovative and radical Democratic governors — in Arizona, in Colorado, even in Mormon-dominated Utah.

Less typical is Mr Hart's aloofness. He is a man of the mountain log cabin, of solitude, books and ideas. He had few close colleagues in the Senate, played little role in the Washington power lobbies. It is no coincidence that he receives little support from the myriad of special political action committees, and has still not paid off some \$2.4 million (£1.7 million) in campaign debts from 1984.

Inevitably, Mr Hart is now seen as a front-runner in the 1988 race — the only man already to have stamped the country.

On him, therefore, rests the onus to set the pace and maintain the momentum. And here the loner may find the going tough.



Mr Hart: Respected rather than revered

Ten-year sentence for Briton

Abu Dhabi (Reuter) — A British woman resident of Abu Dhabi has been sentenced to 10 years in jail for possessing and selling cocaine.

Police said they arrested Barbara Edwards, aged 37, a sales representative, on July 6 for selling the drug in Abu Dhabi hotels.

Edwards was alleged to have admitted buying the drugs in Amsterdam and smuggling them into the United Arab Emirates.

She will be deported after serving her sentence.

UK attack on Nicaragua for political use of World Court

In a radical departure from an even-handed approach to the bitter antagonism between the United States and Nicaragua, Britain has severely criticized the Sandinista Government for breaching international law and using the recent World Court judgement against the Americans for "narrow political ends".

The statement, delivered by Sir John Thomson, the British representative, following an American veto of a Nicaraguan-inspired draft in the UN Security Council, is the closest the British Government has come to supporting the Reagan Administration's claim that Nicaragua exports revolution to its neighbours.

As Nicaragua yesterday sought to have the World Court ruling of June 27, that American aid to the right-wing Contras is illegal, affirmed by the General Assembly, there was speculation here that Britain's harsh reproach was payment to Washington for its unequivocal support of the British decision last week to sever relations with Syria.

Along with France and Thailand, Britain abstained in the voting, after four days of council debate. The session had been requested by Nicaragua after President Reagan signed into law a controversial congressional package allocating \$100 million (£69 million) for military aid to the Contras.

The defeated draft would have instructed the US to obey the World Court decision. Britain is the only permanent member of the council to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the World Court and its abstention was the bare minimum expected.

But in his statement Sir John said that, while compliance by the parties with World Court decisions was a clear obligation of the UN charter, it was nothing less than presumptuous for Nicaragua, "a regime which neither externally nor internally lives up to its obligations, to call for selective application of the charter in this case".

In stark contrast to the majority view in the council that the Sandinista Government is an innocent victim of Washington's bullying, Sir John said that the crisis besetting Nicaragua was largely of its own making. Thanks to strenuous US lobbying, only 11 countries on the council voted for the draft. But the real test of its diplomatic skills would come in the General Assembly, before the full UN membership.

According to Western diplomatic sources, Britain had, before the break with Syria, indicated a willingness to vote with the Nicaraguan-inspired measure in the council. Mr Vernon Walters, the US representative, accused Nicaragua during the debate of attempting to subvert Central America and providing a haven and training camp for terrorists.

He repeated that the US would not abide by the World Court ruling, saying that the court's claim of jurisdiction and competence in the Nicaraguan case was without foundation in law or fact.

Director jailed

Singapore (Reuter) — Peter Tham, a former director of the collapsed Singapore company Pan-Electric Industries, has been sentenced to eight years in prison for forging share certificates.

Ye honoured

Peking (Reuter) — More than 5,000 people, including most of China's leadership attended a memorial service for Marshal Ye Jianying, a former acting head of state who died last week.

Dam battle

Riano, Spain (Reuter) — Villagers opposing the flooding of their homes by a new dam fought a 16-hour battle with paramilitary civil guards, injuring seven of them.

UN finance reprieve

New York — The United States has given the United Nations a temporary reprieve from its financial problems with an \$100 million (£70.7 million) contribution (Zoriana Fysariwsky writes). It is expected to keep the UN afloat until the end of the year.

The allotment, which was placed together by the US State Department from an overall congressional fund of \$250 million for international organizations, is roughly half of what the US is legally bound to pay the UN for its 1986 budget of \$840 million.

Although the UN is likely to remain solvent till the end of the year officials are worried that crisis might resurface in 1987.

Strike as GM gears up to leave S Africa

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

Three thousand assembly line workers, including whites, downed tools yesterday and began a sit-down strike at the South African plant of General Motors, the American motor giant which has announced that it is handing over to local management.

The workers are demanding a say in how the company is to be restructured.

The strike at General Motors' Port Elizabeth plant represents the first big protest by workers at a disinvestment from South Africa by leading American companies. IBM, Coca-Cola, Honeywell and Warner Corporation are among those which have announced plans to hand over to local management.

The General Motors strikers are demanding two seats on the board of the new company when it takes over early next year.

Their strike came on the eve of the launch on the South African market of a new General Motors car, the Monza, for which the company has spent millions on retooling.

Mr Bob White, the company's managing director, said he was not going to be blackmailed and would not negotiate until the men had resumed work or left the premises.

The sit-down strike is being led by the black National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union (NAAWU).

Union officials said yesterday that a meeting on Tuesday night was attended by about 2,000 General Motors workers who expressed "disgust" over the handling by General Motors of its withdrawal from South Africa and the sale of assets to local interests.

A union spokesman said: "At no stage has the company indicated its willingness to discuss advice or negotiate with NAAWU. At no stage has the company indicated to the union who the new owners will be and on what terms and conditions the new company will be constructed."

Copenhagen attack on German office

Copenhagen (Reuter) — A showroom of the West German electrical firm, AEG, was burnt out and windows were smashed at a West German news agency office in apparent protest at the clearing of squatters from a house in Hamburg, police said.

No one was reported hurt in the attacks.

Slogans on the wall at the AEG showroom in the Copenhagen suburb of Glostrup read "Revenge for Hafensstrasse", a Hamburg street where police had cleared squatters from a house.

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THE ARTS

Doubts turn into fears

OPERA

La traviata Covent Garden

This was no way to start a new season. Misgivings have been expressed on this page before now over the Royal Opera's declining ability to handle the popular Italian works which have to be among the corner-stones of the house repertoire...

form the posture of a society hostess, even one who on this occasion appeared to be serving her guests an insipid-looking white wine punch from water jugs.

There were moments of vocal promise, notably in "Dite alla giovine" and parts of the final act. But for much of the rest of the evening the voice was too busy finding itself, trading slippery ice and then sliding a bit or simply just retreating when progress was about to be made.

Against this uncomfortable and self-absorbed Violetta it was no surprise that Arthur Davies's first Covent Garden Alfredo showed him a bit below his best. He wisely declined to put too much pressure on the voice, except properly in the "Mio rimorso" cabalena, and kept to a light and blessedly lyrical interpretation of a good-looking young boy suddenly in love.

The Russian baritone Yuri Mazurok has a notable legato line and seems to take even fewer breaths than Cappuccilli, who gives the impression of living almost without oxygen.

Yuri Simonov took an almost metro-nomic approach to this most emotional of pieces, so that the heartbeat of "Parigi o cara" sounded much like the death-rattle of the final scene. The tempi chosen were often intolerably slow, even taking into account the substantial pauses Aliberti used from time to time.

The applause at the end was courteous and very, very brief: the audience had had a long evening with few rewards and were anxious to get home. No, this was indeed not the way to start the '86-'87 season.

John Higgins



The boy suddenly in love: Arthur Davies as Germont with Lucia Aliberti as Violetta

Charming enterprise all too sustained

Königskinder/Tancredi Wexford Festival

This year's Wexford Festival was under threat, but a determined rescue operation was mounted and all the planned performances were saved.

The opening production was Humperdinck's Königskinder, a sad tale of the goose-girl who falls in love with the king's son. The opera, first performed at Munich in 1897, has never enjoyed a success to equal that of Hansel and Gretel four years earlier.

Freedom of choice should never be confused with independence of thought. In this context, it was significant that the only overt censorship on display came from the British Embassy.

Martin Cropper



Daniela Bechly's winning goose-girl in Königskinder

heldenoper, sounded rather drier earlier on but, as a more lyrical strain made itself heard in the second and third acts, so he added welcome vocal warmth.

There was an outstanding performance, as the Fiddler, by Sergei Leiferkus, a baritone who has at his command an exquisitely beautiful tone and powerful dramatic projection.

With Tancredi, Wexford

provided another of their winners. The opera, dating from 1813, with libretto by Rossi, after Voltaire's Tancredi, is a largely sombre piece of truly remarkable eloquence when compared to the popular mode of opera seria of the period.

The cast was a strong one: the heroine, Amenaide, was sung in the most brilliant manner by the Danish soprano Inga Nielsen; Pettei Salomaa offered a solid Ortrud; and in the crucial role of Tancredi the American mezzo Kathleen Kuhlmann gave a performance of rare distinction. Her bearing was virile and heroic, conveying both strength and gentleness.

The Wexford production of Tancredi can be heard at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on November 4.

Peter Orr

DANCE

Extemporary The Place

The two works given by Extemporary Dance Theatre at The Place on Tuesday night must both have been a lot of fun for their performers.

In Elbow Room Game, we read, the choreographer Laurie Booth mostly gave the actions for the dancers themselves to make up into sequences, and prescribed certain rules to be followed. Within those limits, the dancers choose, each performance, whether to do their own material or someone else's, whether to change a solo into a duet, whether to dance in unison or canon.

It puts an awful lot of responsibility on the performers, which most of Extemporary's team are not up to. The outcome is busy but chaotic, sincere but naïve. On the other hand, the outcome looks no sillier than many of Booth's other works. Presumably that merely confirms what one had long believed, that, although he is a good dancer, Booth is not much of a choreographer.

In Audible Scenery, Steve Paxton defined his contribution to one-minute pieces as "scoring and direction". The score, he tells us, is 27 pages of photographs of sportsmen and women, from which he composed set points between which the dancers find their own way.

Both choreographers, I must mention, were offered the assistance of two young men to make noises during the action. Wearing identical pyjama-type garments, both pointy-nosed and crop-headed, this pair bang various innocent instruments mercilessly.



A hint of self-consciousness: Nigel Charnock and Yolanda Snaith in Audible Scenery (photograph by Dee Conway)

Paxton sensibly banished them to one-minute pieces, but Sharon Donaldson danced a well-sustained solo that work and Michelle Richcoeur brought some impetus to Elbow Room which gained a degree of drama from Steve Whitson's flamboyant lighting plot.

One puzzle: what was a small, cuddly, toy knapsack doing on top of the on-stage lighting control unit amid all this supposed modernism and experiment?

John Percival

Insular freedom

The Maclaren of Maclaren, Press Attaché to the British Embassy in Moscow, lives in a foreigners-only department block with a Sloaneish wife who has long abandoned her early inhibitions at knowing their bedroom to be the object of electronic eavesdropping.

Across Moscow, in a Russian apartment block, the Morning Star's correspondent sends her children to a Russian school and - uniquely, it seemed - speaks the local language.

TELEVISION

Filed in the aftermath of Chernobyl, Caviar and Cornflakes (BBC1) had the makings of a farcical soap-opera: on the one hand, a microcosm of British insularity peopled with anachronistic remittance men who have only tangential connection with the high octane of international politics; on the other, a conveyor-belt of visiting British journalists who fretted to be let into a press conference which lasted all of two minutes and at which sound-recording was not permitted.

It is, as Mrs Cockburn observed with dry understatement, "a slightly colonial existence" - and one that could be done justice only by the comedic talents of an Evelyn Waugh. Somewhere outside these cushy enclaves, of course, dissidents are being harassed and enormous files promulgated. BBC Radio's Moscow correspondent palliated his ignorance of Russian on the grounds that the average comrade in the street, if canvassed in his native tongue, would simply parrot the received wisdom of Pravda or Tass quite forgetting that the average democrat in the street might well get his knees jerk opinions from the Daily Express or (let us say) the BBC.

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ROCK

The Residents Hammersmith Palais

The Residents from San Francisco have recorded at least 25 albums in 14 years, without surrendering the anonymity of their individual identities, which they have protected by wearing eyeball headpieces or other disguises when in public. While such an inscrutable image maybe an intriguing idea, and the quartet's impenetrable avant-garde music a quizzically diverting noise on record, there is little to prepare one for the magnitude of their stage show.

At Hammersmith, even when the singer took off his headgear at one point, it was barely possible to see his features in the gloomy lighting mostly provided by two hand-held orange lamps being flashed randomly around the bleak stage. He sang guttural atonal gibberish, while two of the other Residents performed pointless shadowy mime.

shows and the fourth languished at the back providing the robotic musical accompaniment on an Emulator keyboard. They were assisted by Snakefinger, a guitarist brave enough to be identified despite the discordant contribution his grotesquely fuzzed sound made.

Ironically, in seeking to overturn so many of the conventions of rock music performance, the Residents merely underlined why those conventions exist. Light shows enable you to see the performers; knowledge of who the performers are enhances interest in what they might be doing; certain harmonies and rhythms are often useful qualities in music; and so forth.

Although the show was obviously meticulously rehearsed and systematically executed, weirdness alone could not compensate for the humourless denial of so many performance norms. The challenge was reduced to how long one could endure such an air of claustrophobic monotony. Count yourself lucky they do not live in your street.

David Sinclair

CONCERTS

London Sinfonietta Voices Bloomsbury Theatre

irony of low ditties being put into learned polyphony, an irony that now seems quaint. The most faithful performance might be a wholesale reinterpretation: perhaps a piece of sophisticated electronic music using soundtracks from television advertisements.

Berio's Cries of London is merely a statement of the problem, a vision of the old masters through splintered and frosted modern glass - though its self-consciousness as a performance made it a very suitable piece to be presented on stage.

Paul Griffiths

Songmakers' Almanac Wigmore Hall

The "song and story" recital which the Songmakers' Almanac has made its own can occasionally veer close to dilettantism, when the ditties so painstakingly researched by the pianist Graham Johnson and his colleagues are clearly second-rate salon fodder. But in this Dvorák programme, "Songs from the Old World", the musical material smouldered with passion, and the underlying theme was concerned not with the periphery of 19th-century musical life but with a central - perhaps the central - issue.

For Johnson used the medium of Dvorák's songs to trace the gradual erosion of German domination of Bohemian culture, the new acceptance of the Czech language as a suitable vehicle for lyricism, and music's symbolic position in the nascency of nationalism.

Dvorák emerged as a naïve but obstinate champion for his country, and Brahms as a genuine and generous ally in the "enemy camp". The fact that so much could be made of some rarely-heard songs suggests that Dvorák's lyrical output has been seriously underestimated. Nearly everyone can hum "Kdyz mne stará matka" (possibly better known as "Songs My Mother Taught Me"), but the serene

Op 73 set V narodnim tonu, the vivid sexual allegory "Jahody" and the magnificently fervent "nationalist anthem" from The Jacobin should surely be in every serious recitalist's repertoire.

The problem is, of course, that Czech pronunciation does not fall easily on every singer's lips. The four performing here were exemplary in this respect, and the women - Carol Smith and Felicity Palmer - also commanded the vibrant, hard-edged tone one associates with Central Europe. They complemented each other perfectly in the Moravian Duets. Neither Martyn Hill nor Richard Jackson seemed quite as suited in timbre to this repertoire, but both contributed well-considered performances.

Richard Morrison

Domus Elizabeth Hall

Enticed by a package-deal of ticket, sandwiches, wine and succulent programming, the crowds are pouring in to the South Bank's new series of Lunchtime Serenades.

Domus was on the menu on Tuesday. You used to have to track down these musicians on a windy hilltop, or in an English country garden, where they would play inside their portable geodesic dome. In it they developed a way of

listening to themselves, and playing to their widely varied audiences, which has now made them one of the most highly-skilled chamber groups on any concert platform.

Tuesday's audience of well over 300 stretched back into the shadows of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, yet Domus continued to work by drawing the listener in rather than by projecting the music out. The sound is, light, intense, actively Mozart's E flat Piano Quartet barely touched the ground, so fluid and finely modulated was its phrasing and repartee.

Susan Tomes, pianist and founder member, sparks the action from the keyboard with quicksilver suggestions and anticipations, and tricking passages of harmonic gear-change. The alacrity with which violin (Krysia Osostowicz), viola (Timothy Hugh) and cello (Timothy Hugh) pass the parcel of ideas and responses came into its own in their Faure Piano Quartet in C minor.

Hilary Finch

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Record maker with no flip side

THE TIMES PROFILE RICHARD BRANSON

He must have been awful at 18. His pale face, long hair and black-rimmed glasses peer out of the newspaper clippings of the day with all the chic, po-faced smugness of 1968. It was a time when the young were adored, few more so than the editor of *Student* magazine.

"Richard Branson does care," breathed Audrey Slaughter in the *London Evening News*. "So does his editorial team. They're young themselves; they've probably suffered themselves. And they know the only way to get the agony of not being known where to turn for help." Those were different times. No-hopside falls for gilded youth any more. But Branson is still cropping prep in the cuttings, smiling now and paigning every body. It is not difficult to see why, for he is the one who has made a £250 million out of the by-products of

He was a laid-back, caring fellow. From Michletter world. Now he is a Deall laid-back, but preparing the Virgin Group on Colorado seas.

Mr Gary Hammett in the next few back here on Branson was born in week for the I family whose menfolk tender for his six generations. been It was a ge-His father was struggling from the me his way in the profession.

His mother, Eve Huntley-Flindt, had been a dancer - playing Peter Pan in London - and an air hostess in South America in the Thirties, when she had to wear an oxygen mask if you flew over mountains. They lived at Shamley Green, near Guildford in Surrey. Branson was sent away to school at eight. Academically he was pretty much a write-off, though he was an impressive athlete. He was sent to a crammer at Seaford, Sussex, where he improved enough academically to be admitted to Stowe.

By the age of 16 he had flung himself into preparations for national magazine, first for school-children and subsequently for students. He spent his time in the phone box outside the school library, soliciting ads for the first edition, and inside the library writing letters to names in *Who's Who*, demanding contributions. He estimates that he received one article for every 50 letters.

Then, with £3,000 worth of advertising under his belt, he left Stowe in the summer of 1967. In January 1968 the first issue of *Student* appeared. It was emphatically not a journal of the counter-culture. Branson's magazine copied the best professional products of the time - *Nova* and the *Sunday Colour Supplements* - and went for big-name interviews, plus practical issues of student life.

He printed 50,000 and sold them. The next three years were taken up with day-and-night hustling for ads. Issues appeared once they were paid for. Even so, they did manage to reach a circulation of 100,000.

Then Branson's girlfriend became pregnant and, appalled by the



inadequacy of agencies available to help them, he set up the Student Advisory Centre in 1970. The baby was aborted and he proceeded to help his contemporaries with similar problems, plus the usual round of drugs and depression, from the crypt of a church in Reddington.

In 1969 Branson had, on a hunch, placed an ad in *Student* for cheap mail-order records. The response was embarrassingly large in view of the fact that Branson had no actual records. He could not go direct to the record companies, who were trying to prevent exactly the sort of price-cutting operation he was setting up. Eventually he found a shop-owner in the East End who would sell to him. Meanwhile, he had closed the magazine; Virgin mail order took off and publishing was, for the moment, abandoned.

But Virgin quickly grew over-confident. The company was landed with a £60,000 bill for back taxes, and at the same time, the whole business was threatened by a postal strike. Branson's lieutenant, Nick Powell, one of a growing band, was despatched to find a shop in Oxford Street. He came across an empty floor above a shoe shop at the eastern end. They took it, and on opening day in January 1971 the queue stretched all the way down to Tottenham Court Road.

Once more Branson was ahead of the game, but he had to move quickly. The big competitors, when they woke up, would want to stamp out this price-cutting upstart, so he had to grow as fast as possible. He opened shops across the country. Overheads were kept to the minimum; he was simply piling 'em high and selling 'em cheap.

For £25,000 the company also bought Shipton Manor near Oxford and started converting it into a

recording studio. In 1972 the Virgin record label was born with a world-wide success. Mike Oldfield's *Tubular Bells*.

After hitting a bad patch in the mid-Seventies, when his first batch of musicians had fallen from fashion, the label was revived and the signing of the Sex Pistols in 1977 was followed by such Eighties successes as Phil Collins and Boy

George. Meanwhile the shops established themselves as more sophisticated megastores, retailing the diverse but all pop-related products now coming from the parent group - videos, books and so on. Gradually Virgin had become a loose collection of related businesses.

Branson had established a now-familiar lifestyle. He had bought a

houseboat for £200 in 1967. Two years later he married an American artist, who persuaded him that she needed more space. They sold the boat and bought a house. His wife then fell in love with the purchaser of the boat and moved back in with him. They were divorced, and for the last 11 years he has lived with Joan Templeman, with whom he has had two children - Holly, aged four, and Sam, aged one. The latest houseboat in Little Venice is now his office. They have a London home nearby and a house near Shipton Manor.

Virgin, in the interval, has come into its own in the Eighties. It has become a major force in the leisure industry. Offices were opened rapidly in 20 countries, the payroll rose to 2,500 people and it turned over £325 million last year. Its most spectacular expansion was into Virgin Atlantic Airlines.

For the flotation, which takes place in the next few weeks, the airline will be split off as a separate company because the City does not feel such businesses are as instantly attractive as Virgin's core operations. Some 25 per cent of the company is to be offered. Branson owns 85 per cent, making him worth around £200 million. Most of his proceeds will find their way back into the business, some to buy out the airline.

Branson has again become a darling of the media; he indulges in stunts like breaking the record for crossing the Atlantic in a boat or abseiling down Centre Point for charity. Lately, he has taken on the Government's *UK 2000* campaign to clean up Britain. The style reinforces the image of the rock and roll industrialist who made it big by being nice.

The houseboat that doubles as the head office of a £250 million corporation looks like the interior of the house of a polytechnic lecturer who had a bit of a time of

BIOGRAPHY

- 1950: Born July 18 in Surrey
- 1967: Leaves Stowe School
- 1968: January 26, first issue of *Student* magazine
- 1968: Start of Virgin mail-order operation. Branson marries, but marriage breaks up after two years
- 1970: Starts Student Advisory Centre, now known as Help Centre, now known as Help Centre
- 1971: First Virgin record shop opens in Oxford Street
- 1973: Virgin record label launched
- 1976: First Virgin nightclub, The Venue, opens. Branson signs the Sex Pistols after both EMI and A&M have decided they are too hot to handle
- 1980: Downturn in record business leads to purge of non-profit-making bands
- 1984: Virgin Atlantic airline launched. Now flies London to Holland, Miami, and New York
- 1985: Virgin wins Business Enterprise award for company of the year. Attempt on Blue Riband for crossing Atlantic fails when Virgin Atlantic Challenger sinks
- 1986: Branson put in charge of Government's £23m clean-up campaign. Breaks record for Atlantic crossing. Virgin to go public in November

Eating between the lines

Who better could have been entrusted with taking the curl out of the British Rail sandwich than steam buff and trencherman David Sumner? His credentials - he was formerly managing director of British Transport Hotels - are impressive, his figure expensive and his plans ambitious.

"My dream is that people will say on Sunday: 'Let's go to Cardiff for the day. We know we shall get a nice meal on the train...'"

As first-class passengers on the 12.30 InterCity from Euston to Manchester, we would have lunch brought to our seats. So we scanned the menu over gin and tonic (£1.75) and designer water (£5p for a small bottle). I was pressed to choose the chef's special of the day, an individual beef Wellington (£11.95). Mr Sumner opted for the fillet of sole *à la carte* (£8.95). We would both start with mushroom soup (95p). Branson and I had arrived hot from the galley. The sauce on Mr Sumner's sole looked awful, flabby and glutinous. My beef Wellington seemed a winner until a stewardess poured thick brown gravy all over the pastry, but it was pretty soggy inside as well. The cauliflower was watery and overcooked under its cheese sauce.

This is *Cuisine 2000*, the latest in a series of BR catering innovations. Mr Sumner is currently converting one carriage a week to the new system. The food is prepared - cooked and chilled - by airline caterers at Luton and Manchester, put aboard the trains in the familiar airline trolleys and reheated in the galley.

In theory, *Cuisine 2000* offers travellers a wider choice of dishes; in practice, the new menu looks little different from the one it replaces. The posh pub-grub style of cooking - no *novelle* nonsense here - is unashamedly masculine in its appeal, which seems to be commercially the right move because meal sales have increased by 50 per cent on trains converted so far. From the passengers' perspective, however, the real revolution happened overnight in the buffet cars when Telfer's, the pie people, and Trusthouse Forte took over BR's sandwich business from railway staff. In five months, sales of sandwiches on BR have more than doubled. Buffet business as a whole has increased by 150 per cent, Mr Sumner claimed.

Tucking into a plate of lavishly buttered toast on our homeward journey, he outlined some of his plans for putting a true taste of Britain onto the railways. I look forward to ordering a Cornish cream tea on West Country trains - with real cream.

Shona Crawford Poole

THE THOUGHTS OF BRANSON

On public speaking: "People assumed I knew everything about being a student, so I was asked by German television to make a speech on the steps of University College. First there was Tariq Ali and Daniel Cohn-Bendit and then I forgot my lines after about two minutes. I've never done it since."

On the name Virgin: "It goes with everything. I've often thought of setting up businesses just for the name - like Virgin Foods or a model agency called Virgin Girls."

On the early days in business: "The motive was survival rather than making money. What we were really about was a way of

life, doing things we were interested in."

On his failed *Event* magazine: "It was the only time I've ever had to lay people off. It goes without saying it was very unpleasant. At the same time, if you're not willing to take a calculated risk, you'll never do anything."

On new projects: "I immerse myself completely in any new venture, then appoint people to run it and stand back."

On unions: "It hasn't cropped up, but if somebody wanted to be a member they could be. If they did, though, I would think we had failed."

Launch parties, please

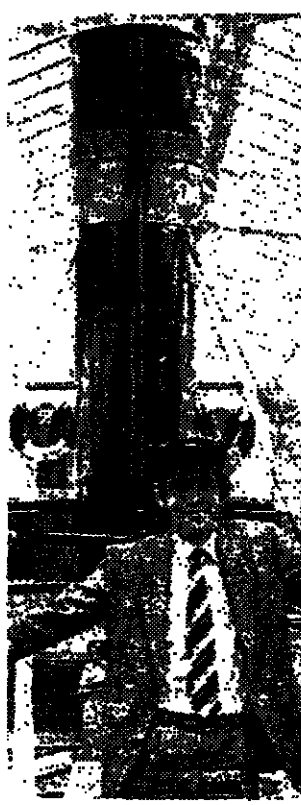
Richard Ormond dreams of a champagne bottle and someone with about £5 million to spare, the prerequisites for his most ambitious caper yet - a maritime museum on water. Outline proposals for the museum, partly in London's disused docks and partly in a building with a floor covered in water, have already been approved by the London Docklands Development Corporation. "It would be a sort of 12-month boat show," says Ormond, the new director of the National Maritime Museum (the one on land in Greenwich).

Ancient craft restored to at least river-worthiness will be back in their element, some giving rides, like the wonderful 1893 Thames Conservancy boat *Danola*, which looks more like a floating tea parlour than an official launch. Modern craft, too, will feature. The museum already has the *Coves Trophy* winner, *Suffury*, the offshore powerboat.

It is one of about 70 boats from canoes and *Mirror* dinghies to Thames barges and river steamers, a third of them on show in Neptune Hall, mostly high on walls, on plinths and hanging from the ceiling, and all ready to go. "The idea is that the museum would be tied in to a developer; whoever was planning the development would add a little bit on to create the actual building for us. We've worked out how we see it." They hope it will be in Canary Wharf, handily placed for the new light railway that is racing towards completion; the LDCC see it in the next dock up, the North Quay. "The main problem seems to be that the light railway would mean they couldn't bring in tall boats," an LDCC spokesman said.

For the Boat Centre, as it will be called, also intends to organize historic boat regattas, to celebrate craft of a particu-

From humble canoes to Thames barges, the Boat Centre has incredible hulks but no place to call home



All aboard: Richard Ormond on a tug in the Neptune Hall

lar type or age. "And we want to be able to offer free overnight berthing to interesting boats of all types," says Stephen Riley, Ormond's curator of ships and antiquities. "We want them to feel that the Boat Centre is a natural home, and it will mean that there is always something different to see." Ormond and Riley hope that the legions of ancient boat

collectors, who form themselves into organizations like the *Alberca Storage Association* and the *Old Galleys' Association*, will see the Centre as their Mecca, and they will be consulting closely with the Maritime Trust, owners of the *Cutty Sark* (which will stay at Greenwich).

"We've been inhibited in acquiring things simply because we haven't had the space to display them," says Riley. Ormond adds: "There is no reason why anybody of our most ancient craft shouldn't be on the water - they have all been properly restored - and there is no reason either why we should not be looking at the most up-to-date boats, too."

There will be demonstrations of sail-making, canoe-building and crafts, but the plan to base the NMM's marine archaeology department there, for the tourists to watch, has been rejected. "It seemed to have the immediate appeal of watching a plank warp," says Riley.

This isn't the first attempt at establishing the Boat Centre. Ormond inherited this particular gleam in the eye from Neil Cossons, his predecessor. The original plan, for a £10 million centre near the Greenwich-Isle of Dogs foot tunnel, went under beneath the pressure of local opinion and ancient covenants, which said that there should be no building in the area; practical problems of the tidal race, which would make "pleasure boat" trips impossible, and the need for some sort of pier protruding into the river, which the Port of London Authority did not like.

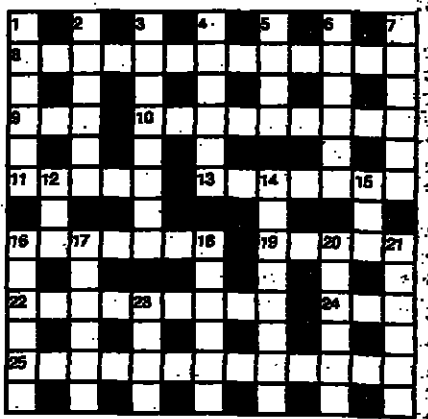
Sadly, the Boat Centre will not be ready in time for the National Maritime Museum's half-century celebrations next year, but it could be in operation in 1989.

Simon Tait

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SPECTRUM

Legacy of a 'dirty' childhood



When Esther Rantzen touched on the sexual abuse of children in March, the response was phenomenal. Tonight on BBC1 she launches the ChildWatch campaign against a cruel yet common crime. Sally Brompton investigates

Kate Adams was three years old when her father raped her for the first time. She was about 12 when he stopped, unnerved by her fits of hysteria and perpetual ill-health. He did, however, continue to make sexual and physical assaults on her 12 younger brothers and sisters. "The worst part of my childhood was lying in bed listening to him abuse all the others," Kate recalls.

THE VICTIMS The experts stress that even non-touching forms of sexual abuse, such as indecent exposure, can have long term and traumatic effects on the victim. "From our clinical experience we know that adults who as children were subjected to a non-touching sexual experience with a parental figure were totally rocked by that for years," says Dr Tony Baker, consultant child and family psychiatrist for the Kingston Health Authority. "It somehow contaminated their adult relationships."

Such incestuous behaviour is not confined, as is popularly believed, to the lower classes. It occurs among families from every social, ethnic and economic background. It can have devastating long-term effects such as mental illness, anorexia and even suicide. Recent research has revealed that 30 per cent of all children in care, 45 per cent of drug and alcohol abusers, 75 per cent of female prostitutes, 90 per cent of male prostitutes and 90 per cent of rapists were sexually abused as children.



'I lived a lie...I've never had children... I would have been so worried'

Kate Adams today and (above) at 11 years old, when she had been abused by her father for eight years

predictable long-term legacy of child abuse, the immediate effects are devastating to a child - especially since it is quite common for children to hold themselves to blame for their parents' actions.

One woman in her early twenties, who wrote to Esther Rantzen's ChildWatch programme, compares her childhood to a time-bomb "just waiting for dad to explode". Sexually and physically abused by her father for most of her childhood, her reaction was typical - "I felt hatred towards myself. I felt it was my fault. I must have done something really bad to make him hate me but I don't know what."

"I pretended it didn't matter. I would go on the run, just staying out and for a while taking tranquillizers. I cut myself - I don't really know why."

Now married, with two small children, she says: "I thought this was the new beginning. My dad said he wanted a new start with me and I was stupid enough to believe he'd forgiven me. I trusted him for the first time. Then, one day last year, it came to light that he was sexually interfering with my daughter. I wanted to die. I trusted him and he betrayed my daughter. I never thought he would hurt her because he seemed to love her so much."

"I'm now watching a real-life nightmare. It's me all over again and I seem helpless to do anything to help my daughter through this. "He has been to court and been convicted and has been given probation but who does this help? Certainly not us or him. I can't ever see an end to my nightmare or to child abuse."

While some experts believe that actual incidents of child abuse are rising, the main reason for the current soaring increase in reported cases is changing public attitudes and a greater awareness on the part of the professionals.

Even so, Dr Baker believes that much more should be done to train teachers, social workers, and family doctors to recognize, understand and treat the victims of child sexual abuse. "The problem is that there are not enough people with enough experience to be able to offer training. We really need training for the trainers."

While such deep-rooted paranoia has become a

think everybody does it - you think it's a normal way of life. But as you get older you realize it's wrong and you think, "Surely not everyone does this." Then you realize they don't, and that's when you get screwed up."

always used men. I used to think, "If they want something out of me I'll try to get as much out of them as I can," and that's an awful way to be. I think I do still use relationships."

She married young, mainly to escape her father who, even after he ceased sexually abusing her, still mistreated her and threatened to kill her if she told anyone what had happened. Kate was in her thirties when her father died of a heart attack while serving a five-year prison sentence for physical child abuse. Kate's bitterness extends to her mother, now dead, whom she has never been able to forgive

for doing nothing to stop the violence. "I'm sure my mother knew what was happening but whenever I tried to tell her about it she pretended not to believe me. When I was a very little girl she used to smack me like a jealous woman."

It is this cyclical pattern of child abuse which greatly con-

Even today, at the age of 30, Kate looks back on her shattered childhood with a mixture of sorrow, anger and humiliation. To say that she is one of the lucky ones is to make a mockery of the physical and emotional torture and deprivation which she suffered during those most vulnerable and formative years; yet, Kate herself insists that she is lucky because she has finally come to terms with her past and is, at last, able to talk about what she describes bitterly as her "dirty" childhood.

Less fortunate are the hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who remain locked in a nightmare world of silence for a variety of reasons - they may be too

Individual tales of child abuse are invariably harrowing. Now professional help will be only a telephone call away - but can the system cope with the flood?

Support at the end of the line

THE HELPERS

When Esther Rantzen invited television viewers to send her their personal experiences of child abuse and neglect, one 13-year old girl wrote: "I walk home slowly from school hoping I'm going to be mugged, raped or run over because I know that whatever is going to happen to me isn't going to be as bad as what is going to happen when I get in."



Esther Rantzen's questionnaire on child abuse elicited a heartbreaking response. The drawing above was one of a series sent by a woman who had been abused as a child by her father, her uncle and two brothers. "I was told to go up to the attic on many occasions. It was a bare room, apart from the beds. There was no heating and I was not allowed

Of the 3,000 viewers who completed the confidential 35-page ChildWatch questionnaire, 90 per cent revealed that they had been - or were still being - sexually abused by, in nine cases out of 10, members of their own family. For many it was the first time they had disclosed their experience to anyone. "I was shocked, but mostly I was very angry," Esther Rantzen says. "Some of the details of the cruelty we have uncovered has shown me a kind of nightmare world which I thought was already inhabited by concentration camp victims."

north London where he lives with his wife and three daughters, respects his abused callers' confidentiality, but, where necessary, he tries to help them further, even to the extent of giving the victim temporary refuge in his home and confronting the abuser with his actions.

He and his team of around 100 volunteers were all victims of incest - which he defines as "any sexual contact between a child and an adult in a position of trust" - and that helps them to win the confidence of other victims. About one tenth of the cases handled by Crisis Line result in prosecutions - "but only at the explicit request of the person who came to us for assistance," Johnson says.

At the Great Ormond Street children's hospital in London, Dr Arnon Bentovim, a child psychiatrist, has instigated weekly self-help groups for victims who are helped to protect themselves, to develop self-assertive skills and to accept that what has happened is not their fault, and for their parents who need to discover how to cope with what has happened in their families.

The two-hour-long ChildWatch programme, to be televised tonight on BBC1, will also promote the launch of 'KIDLINE', a 24-hour telephone helpline for children in trouble or danger, manned by professionals and based on similar schemes in Sweden and the Netherlands. "The idea is that we identify very early on what the child's problems are," says ChildLine's director, Paul Griffiths, senior NSPCC child care officer.

He is knowing where to go for help that is the problem for children who are being abused - or even for adults who are still suffering the effects of childhood abuse. Twenty per cent of the people who filled in the ChildWatch questionnaires said that they just did not know where to turn at the time it was happening to them. In the past, children who tried to tell were often disbelieved although today the experts acknowledge that children rarely invent sexual abuse.

Michele Elliott, creator of Kidscape, a highly effective project aimed at preventing child sexual abuse, says that one of the ways she judges the

project's success is by the number of children who come forward during her talks. Unlike the police's own stranger-danger programme, which was started in primary schools in the early 1970s and was the first organized preventative scheme of its kind, Kidscape is designed to protect children from friends and

While Esther Rantzen, who is ChildLine's chairman, attempts to rally financial support for the freephone, which is expected to cost anything up to £500,000 a year to run, experts have reservations about the proposed helpline's ability to cope with what they predict will be an overwhelming response.

Johnson says. "We are giving the children permission to tell outside the family if they're being abused within the family because inevitably they think they've done something terrible," says Elliott, who has also created a programme for parents to teach their own children.

Telling, however, is only the beginning. Then it is up to the professionals to decide what to do about the perpetrators and how best to treat the victims who, apart from their physical and emotional scars, generally suffer intense feelings of guilt.

Unpaid counsellors take calls, in different parts of Britain, from abused children, their mothers, occasionally from offenders and increasingly from professionals who, according to Crisis Line director Richard Johnson, do not know what to do themselves.

Johnson, who operates from the small council house in

family as well as strangers. Michele Elliott is currently teaching her methods to the Metropolitan Police. "We are giving the children permission to tell outside the family if they're being abused within the family because inevitably they think they've done something terrible," says Elliott, who has also created a programme for parents to teach their own children.

One of the tragedies of sexual abuse victims is the grave lack of resources and specialist treatment currently available. The Tavistock Clinic in north London trains professionals such as psychiatrists, social workers and teachers from all over the country as well as handling a few severely damaged cases. "We are actually flooded with cases of sexual abuse at the moment," says Dr Judith Tröwell, chairman of the clinic's child and family department. "What is depressing is that we have to send people away because we can't cope. Goodness knows what will happen when Esther Rantzen gets going."

Advertisement for CNT Property Centre. Text: 'You're looking at everyone you need to talk to about relocation.' Includes a photo of a man in a suit and the CNT logo.

CROSSWORD NO. 1003 grid.

Advertisement for 'Killing all Graduates!'.

Vertical advertisement on the left edge of the page.

THE TIMES DIARY

Primus inter the runners

Hours after yesterday's reports dampening speculation over Mrs Thatcher's retirement plans, the name of her party chairman, Norman Tebbit, yesterday inadvertently retold the tale of her likely successor. Quashing the received view that Tebbit's personal circumstances have blunted his ambition, his Chingford agent, James Costello, tells me that Tebbit firmly believes he is in line to succeed the Prime Minister. Citing recent conversations with him, Costello tells me: "All things come to an end. Should the day ever come when Maggie decides to step down... there is not much doubt in Norman's mind that he is the front-runner. When I put Costello's comments to his private office, Tebbit was on the line within 30 minutes. 'My views on the matter are absolutely clear. I don't know who is the front-runner and I don't care,' he told me. But would he accept the leadership if offered? 'If people wanted me to do it, then I would do it.'

● The man finally picked by BBC TV to present *Newsnight*, weakened by the loss of both John Tusa and Olivia O'Leary, photographic Observer political editor Adam Easton, five years ago tipped for ITN's political editorship.

Dressing down

There are some embarrassing questions to be asked of Lambeth council in London. The stupendously racially-aware Labour council, led by black activist Linda Bellos, has been caught by the clerical union Apex buying uniforms that may have been manufactured in South Africa. An Apex circular says the uniforms were bought from Duchess Uniforms, a London subsidiary of a Cape Town-based firm. The circular adds that Duchess confesses to being incapable of distinguishing its South African-made garments from those produced in the UK. Yesterday Phyl Cleary, who keeps Duchess's books, confirmed she had sold catering outfits to the council... and the London School of Economics. I don't suppose they ever stopped to ask where they came from.

Skye blue

Isle of Skye residents have good reason to resent the arrival of a film crew making a television advertisement for British Gas's privatization campaign. Skye does not have a gas supply. Local solicitor Ian Christie, who has lodged a formal letter of complaint, tells me: "There's no mains gas in any of the north-west of Scotland. To imply that there are supplies in the far-flung parts of Britain is misleading." Indeed, the gasless residents are *per se* ineligible for the preferential share offer to British Gas customers. A Department of Energy spokesman says the location was chosen for its dramatic scenery, "not to imply that gas is available on Skye".

BARRY FANTONI



'At this rate you'll never fill in the new detailed questionnaire for the unemployed.'

Flypast

Never work on-stage with children or animals. Ask 19-year-old magician Paul Storey, who had rehearsed his best trick - conjuring a dove from his top hat - for a performance before Prince Charles yesterday. By the time HRH arrived at Manchester airport for a youth business initiative exhibition, Paul's bird had flown. Paul still hopes for a career in cabaret, specializing in escapology.

● Salt in the wounded pride of Birmingham, following its failed bid to host the 1992 Olympics. Manchester International Airport has placed a huge advertisement close to Birmingham's Bull Ring shopping centre promoting direct flights to... Barcelona.

Prize exhibit

Celebrating the launch of Richard Hough's *The Ace of Clubs*, a history of the Garrick Club, 200 of its members were last weekend treated to Michael Horder's rendition of a verse prologue by the Booker winner, Kingsley Amis. Courtesy of the author and the club, I treat you to an extract from his "In Praise of the Garrick Club":

When a bank manager disrupts your life,
A drunk, an in-law, dare one say a wife,
When hares and pedants drive you up the wall,
Come to the Garrick and forget 'em all.
Or nearly all... PHS

Big Bang: the fatal mistake

John Bell reports on the puzzlement
abroad over the City's muddle

It has taken the City less than three days to go from Big Bang to big flop. Overseas, they can scarcely believe it.

At home, most people accept the official City line that the deregulation of the stock market and the start of an electronic, screen-based dealing system are just another example of Britain at the frontier of technology. Abroad, they have been wondering first what took us so long, and secondly why in the first three days we seem determined to make everyone else's mistakes all over again.

For the best part of a decade, visiting US business men have regarded our Stock Exchange with an admiration normally reserved for Anne Hathaway's cottage, the Beefeaters at the Tower of London, Stonehenge and other ancient monuments.

While America scrapped fixed commissions over 11 years ago and has developed highly efficient screen-based systems for trading securities, the London Stock Exchange had, until three years ago, been making do comfortably in

the technological stone age. As in most of Fleet Street, the Stock Exchange has been reluctant to reform itself: to remove the restrictive practices which excluded foreigners; to allow competitive charges to customers; and to change its 80-year-old trading system.

At the heart of this week's fiasco in Throgmorton Street is the fact that the Stock Exchange came to Big Bang as a response to external pressures. It certainly did not embrace the challenge of high technology as an advance in its own right.

There were mounting legal pressures for the exchange to abandon its cartel on charges and to open membership to all corners. London was losing business to New York and elsewhere.

But the Stock Exchange decided on a traditional British com-

promise. It would have to develop a new system for traders to buy and sell blocks of shares by computer, for that simply did not exist at the time. But instead of creating a new system for distributing information about that electronic market to the offices of its members and their clients, the Stock Exchange decided to stick with its existing "Topic" screen system. That is proving to be a fatal miscalculation. Quite simply, Topic cannot cope with 200 inquiries a second. For Big Bang to work properly, it simply has to.

First responses from abroad tend to express rather more regret than surprise. Britain seems to be maintaining its reputation for the invention rather than the application of technology.

Peter Da Puzzo, head of inter-

national equity trading at the major New York securities house, Shearson Lehman, said yesterday: "We did not expect that you would have had so many problems and I guess we are disappointed that your systems were not tested more thoroughly before Big Bang. But we don't think it is a tragedy. Eventually London will solve its problems and take its place in the international market."

At the front line now in the battle for business in the City, the men who man the trading desks are deflated. "We can't deal prices on the screens, can't get a proper feel for what is happening in the market and suspect that things will be like this for ages," is a typical view.

The Stock Exchange is struggling manfully to patch up the system, mostly by cutting out many of Topic's services to give priority to prices from the new screen trading system SEAQ (Stock Exchange Automated Quotations).

But it is likely to be a matter of months before the performance matches the promise.

Paul Valley concludes his report on the tragedy of Ethiopia's peasants

Land blighted by ideology

And still Ethiopia needs food. Two years after the crisis of the camp at Korem hit the television screens, the hapless nation is the only one in the sub-Saharan region that still requires large amounts of foreign food. Much of the explanation for that may seem like old news: a degraded environment, a population maintaining a borderline existence without reserves and a government whose priorities place the military and the urban elite above the peasant farmer.

But there may be more to it than that. A report to be published next month by Cultural Survival, a group of anthropologists attached to Harvard University's Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, suggests that the regime in Addis Ababa has locked itself into a vast collectivization programme designed to promote, at the expense of subsistence farmers, the production of cash crops to earn the regime the hard currency it needs to continue its wars against liberation movements on several fronts.

This process, dubbed villagization, is happening on a scale that recalls the actions of Stalin in the Thirties. It has already brought about the exodus of three million peasants. The relocation of 20 million more is planned. And according to the Harvard report, the financing of the prodigious undertaking is largely dependent upon the direct and indirect contribution of Western aid.

Villagization is not a process new to Ethiopia. It was first seen in the area of Bale between 1979 and 1982 when peasant farmers were forced to tear down their homes and rebuild them in villages near a main road. The regime of Colonel Mengistu Haile-Mariam obviously considered it a success; it facilitated the provision of services and afforded a means of controlling people.

It also had the side-effect of making land available which the regime was later able to use during its resettlement programme, when peasants of the northern highlands were moved away from areas of rebel activity - which they might have supported - to the more fertile lowlands of the south-west. But it was not until 1984, when the influx of food aid brought an unexpected bonus in the form of import fees (which were 10 times as high as in neighbouring Sudan and which soon overtook coffee sales as Ethiopia's main source of foreign exchange) that the government accelerated its villagization programme. The West, its eyes on the awful camps, did not notice.

One area where the programme seemed to be pursued particularly vigorously was the eastern province of Harargeh - not badly hit by drought and still one of Ethiopia's prime food-producing areas. By the middle of this year some 150,000 inhabitants of the region had abandoned their homes and belongings and fled across the border into Somalia. Around 40,000 of the most destitute gathered in a refugee camp there at Tug Wajale.

Dr Jason Clay, director of research at Cultural Survival, has



now compiled an account of villagization, based on interviews with the Top Wajale refugees. It is a damning indictment.

The official line on villagization has been enunciated by Mengistu: "The settlement pattern of large parts of Ethiopia is scattered. This has brought considerable disadvantages. It is only when you have peasants together in villages that they can benefit from science and technology."

The refugees' account is rather different. When an area is selected for villagization the first step is that the community's religious leaders (mainly Muslims) are arrested and in some cases publicly executed. Officials make an inventory of all possessions, including land, livestock, ploughs, farm equipment and household goods. Residents are forbidden to sell anything; all belongs to the state. Some have even been told they must no longer drink their own cows' milk.

Next the inhabitants of six or eight villages are told to pull down their houses and rebuild them in a prescribed central area. Mosques are destroyed and their materials desecrated by being used to construct latrines or government buildings. The homes of those who refuse to move are burned, sometimes with people inside. Whole villages have been bombed. A common complaint of the refugees was that they were required to work without pay for 12 hours a day, six or seven days a week, on the new villages, often sleeping without shelter while government buildings were given priority over homes. Some said they were not given enough time to plant their crops.

Others reported that later, in the new villages, they were forced to work so hard on state coffee farms or even on the personal land of officials or militiamen that they had only two days a week for their own land. The harvest in this area normally yields three times the basic subsistence level. The people lived on yams, honey and a variety of vegetables as well as

grain. They grew coffee, groundnuts, potatoes, red onions and a mild drug called chat as cash crops. But now much of the harvest was confiscated and a bare ration of the most inferior grain handed out.

Taxes were said to be even higher than before the revolution (when the feudal system took between 50 and 90 per cent of each harvest). They had to pay national tax, local tax, drought tax, land-use tax, a women's or youth association tax (for political education), a literacy tax, and contributions in kind to officials.

Those who received Western food aid were often required to pay a similar amount in famine tax. "It was little more than a transfer payment between the agencies and the government," says Dr Clay, who will be speaking at Cambridge and Oxford later this week.

The catalogue of abuses recounted by the refugees was horrifying. More than half had had members of their family killed. Three-quarters had had relatives beaten or imprisoned, and food and equipment stolen. Around 80 per cent spoke of rapes by the militia. In some cases the militia was "turned loose" on local women twice a week, five men to every woman. Husbands who protested were killed.

Two-thirds reported religious persecution: mosques destroyed, sheikhs killed, beaten or imprisoned, the Koran burned, Koranic schools closed, even prayer forbidden. Most talked in terms of repression of their Oromo culture by the ruling Amharic minority. But Dr Clay reserves some of his most cutting criticism for the Western agencies who he believes collaborate, knowingly or naively, with the process. "It is quite clear now that in areas like this, which were not severely hit by drought, famine is being created by a government policy which is deliberately trying to eliminate self-sufficiency and create dependence on a centralized system," he says.

"The agencies are caught in a dilemma: should they provide, in the short term, humanitarian

assistance which is creating a situation that is going to kill more people in the long term? Their answer is to stick their heads in the sand. That is inexcusable."

He is particularly critical of agencies that fund schools in which Oromo are forced to learn Amharic, or that finance the installation of water projects in the new villages. "Even after Cambodia some agencies don't seem to have learned that, willing or not, they are actors in a political tragedy."

Bob Geldof of Band Aid, sensitive to the accusation of amateurism, reports: "These are just political arguments. We're not interested in making those distinctions. Our job is to help people irrespective of politics. Of course, in doing that we know that sometimes we have to make deals with the devil but we'll do that rather than watch people die."

Other agencies are more circumspect. "We certainly make distinctions," says Paddy Coulter of Oxfam. "If the occupants of a new village come from an area without water then we're happy to help install a project. But if they've come there from hamlets which had water, then we refuse. We make that quite clear. 'Certainly we are worried about villagization, particularly about the possible negative impact it will have on production, but at the moment the provisional crop estimates look better than we had expected.'

"The reports we have are very mixed. Some of the new villages are good, others not far away are bad. It seems to depend on the sensitivity and skill of the official who implements the policy." Is Cultural Survival, he wonders, generalizing from a single case?

"Even if only half of what we have found is true, it is still very disturbing," Jason Clay replies. "So is the fact that no-one else seems prepared to do any research or to face up to the question of how long we're prepared to feed Ethiopians whom their own government is willing to starve."

John Braine became a familiar sight in the Hamstead streets (literally on a stick), loving the bookshops, the breadshops, the coffee bars - but not the pubs. He admired John O'Hara over all writers; he had respect for *Private Eye* and A. N. Wilson.

"Old Kingsley is doing awfully well lately," he said a few months ago. The voice mocked Amis's public-school nickname, but held nothing but affection for his fellow 1950s novelists. "I must," he said, "ring him sometime."

The last I heard from John Braine was about a month ago. "Jaw," he said, "we must meet up for a drink. No rush. There's plenty of time." And then, "Oh my God, that's the trouble."

I reread *Room at the Top* this morning. I only now realize that these are its closing words.

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Ronald Butt

Turning of the screw in Avon

Brent may have reminded some people of Bristol. The details I gave last week of Brent Council's plans for planting its race equality agents in its schools, and its refusal to reinstate Miss McGoldrick as head teacher after she had been acquitted in court of racism, perhaps made some readers wonder what happened to Jonathan Savery, the Bristol teacher accused of racism and officially found not guilty.

For several months since his "acquittal" he has been in a kind of professional limbo, continuing to teach English to ethnic minority children at the school to which he has been attached, but forbidden to enter the Avon multicultural education centre which employs him, and where militant colleagues originally brought the charge of racism against him. Now Savery has been dealt another blow. On the last day before the half-term last week he was told by the acting head of his school that his services were no longer required there, and that although he could stay for the rest of that year (there is obviously much natural courtesy in Bristol) he should not return after half-term.

Savery, whose case was discussed in this column on March 13 and May 1, is a teacher paid by the Avon education authority's multicultural education centre (MEC), which, like the Brent programme, is funded by the Home Office under Section 11 of the Local Government Act, 1966. Savery holds that the job for which he was appointed is to teach English to children of Commonwealth origin handicapped by the lack of it. But the Avon MEC is dominated by a militant group which thinks that teaching English is colonialism. It wants the money to be spent rather in campaigning against the inequality of white society, censoring the reading matter used in schools, attacking the police for racism and switching resources from teaching English to the promotion of minority languages and cultures.

For writing about all this, Savery was accused of racism, but was acquitted by a disciplinary panel set up by the Avon education authority. But the panel added a rider that "given the circumstances at the MEC" (which means, given its domination by the hard left) his opinions made it "difficult for him to remain a member of the staff there at this time". Since then, he continued to teach at Merrydown boys' school until he was suddenly "fired" from his attachment there last week, but he has not been allowed back at the MEC because the militants threatened to walk out if he appeared. Nor is he given any help by the centre or allowed to join its discussions, or its in-service training. Though found innocent of racism, he is being punished for being charged with it.

The Avon education authority would like to get rid of him altogether, since it regards him as

having "provoked" the trouble by speaking his mind. On September 11 I wrote to him saying that his intention to attend in-service group sessions at the MEC "would not best serve your own professional interests or the interests of the MEC and other educational establishments with which you are already, or might be in the future, associated". This letter, on behalf of the education director, Peter Coleman, expressed "very great concern" at Savery's suggestion that he should attend an in-service training session at the centre, and asked him urgently to confirm that he would not do so.

He was also advised by the education authority not to write another article for the *Salisbury Review* (in other words, though he may be attacked he must not defend himself) and was refused leave to accept an invitation to speak on five speech at a fringe meeting of the Conservative conference, even though half that day was not teaching time because he was not allowed to go to the centre for the normal in-service session.

He was also refused leave to speak to Bristol University students, but did so in his lunch hour last week - which at least raises the question whether the publicity arising from this had anything to do with the decision to end his attachment to Merrydown school. The Avon education authority bends to the militants who dominate the MEC because it accepts their claim that they must heed the "leaders" of the small black radical groups they consult, one of whom recently publicly wished a heart attack on a senior policeman. Yet these are groups which do not truly represent the majority of the black community.

Earlier this year, the Home Office decided that some of the Avon MEC posts did not warrant Section 11 funding, because they were not concerned with English teaching, and asked Avon for details of work at the centre, and time spent on it. Since then, Avon has been trying to repack its anti-racist multiculturalism, but the Home Office is still not satisfied and the Education Department is sending two of Her Majesty's inspectors to find out what is going on. Ministers have told me that teaching English is a *sine qua non* for this kind of funding. If this is so, I can suggest how Avon, Brent and many other local authorities who infringe this criterion should deal with it.

The government should scrap all Section 11 spending. It should replace this with a pool of specially qualified teachers of English as a second language, who are licensed by the Department of Education. Heads of schools who have need of them for their pupils should then be able to call on these teachers. This would help many children towards a better chance in life, and also do something to inhibit the hard left cells which are now malignantly exploiting racial tensions in our schools.

moreover... Miles Kingston

Dr Oliver goes round the twist

As many of my readers seem singularly ignorant of sex, politics, the Big Bang, gay rights and gay lefts, I have asked Moreover Publications to prepare a series of short booklets which explain these things in easy language with lots of drawings. Here are the first titles on our list:

Roger is a Tory MP, by Dr Oliver Gastrose. Only a small percentage of the population suffers from the urge to be a Tory MP, a condition which can lead to obsessions with sex and race and to the desire to tyrannize everyone else. Dr Gastrose explains how, in a mild form, the condition is not antisocial by telling the story of Roger. Roger runs an old family firm making police riot equipment and firearms, but he is also a Tory MP. One day he falls in love with the BBC, and develops a desire to appear on it all the time. At the same time he conceives a hatred for the BBC.

There is a happy ending, when Roger finally gets offered a show of his own on BBC radio and is able to give up being a Tory MP. There are some amusing moments, as with the visit of the Chilean party to the armaments factory. Dr Gastrose makes the point forcefully enough that being a Tory MP may be a hopeless condition, but it is not without its humorous side.

Barney is a Brent Councillor by Dr Oliver Gastrose. Only a small percentage of the population suffers from the urge to be a Brent councillor, a condition which can lead to obsessions with sex and race, and to the desire to tyrannize everyone else.

Dr Gastrose tries to help us understand this rare and rather unsightly pathological state by telling the story of Barney who sets out one day to stop people using all expressions with the word "black" in them, because they are racist. Well, says his friend Raji, what about phrases in which the word "black" has a nice meaning, as in "in the black" or "the Black Prince"? And isn't a black belt the highest thing in judo, and isn't the black ball the most valuable in snooker? Well, says Barney, we can keep expressions in which "black" has a positive connotation. But this is

discrimination, says Raji. You're just an Asian trouble-maker, says Barney. Unfortunately, he is overheard and kicked out of Brent Council.

Dr Gastrose shows that being a Brent councillor may be a humorous condition, but it is not without its hopeless side.

Let's Play Politics! by Dr Oliver Gastrose. Dr Gastrose deals with that powerful instinct we feel in our teens - the urge to get together with other people of the same age and change the world completely. This urge, he says, is quite a natural instinct and will not make you blind. Well, only politically blind. However, points out Dr Gastrose, the results of playing politics are always disastrous and he recommends some other hobbies instead.

Mummy and Daddy are Married, by Dr Oliver Gastrose. A minority of children live in a so-called "family", with brothers and sisters and parents who seem tolerably happy. Most of us would find this rather odd, but Dr Gastrose pleads for our tolerance by telling the story of the Wimple family, who go on holiday together. They are there out of a pub (because of the children), to leave a hotel (because of the children), and ejected from a gay bar (because they enter by mistake). But despite this flagrant discrimination by straightists, they come up smiling.

Oliver Writes a Booklet, by Dr Oliver Gastrose. This is Dr Gastrose's own story, and draws attention to the plight of the minority of people who are forced to write booklets on sex and politics for a living. He relates how, when asked at a dinner party what he does, the answer "I write booklets on sex, race and things" produces howls of laughter and immediate ostracism. He pleads for tolerance for people like himself. He would especially like to hear from young men who like dressing up as nuns and getting tied in knots.

Forthcoming booklets from Dr Oliver Gastrose: *Elsie and Arthur Meet the Big Bang*, *Dr and Mrs Runcie Make a Joint Statement*, *Why has Princess Michael of Kent got a Man's Name?*, etc etc.

Johnson in the Commons
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Trade-weighted 67.8 (same)

Dealers angry as chaos hits Exchange again

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Chaos continued in the equity markets yesterday with several dealers being unable to have their prices quoted on the Topic screen network. In addition, the Stock Exchange cut back sharply on the services available on the system and there were growing fears that the problems of this week could take a long time to correct.

information before anyone requesting company news. This means that many services will take even longer to appear on dealers' Topic screens. Services further down the list of priorities include information on financial futures, foreign exchange and economic forecasting. The process of updating Topic pages has been speeded up. The Exchange has also taken steps to re-impose a £2,000 charge on all users of Topic Level 3 screens in the hope of reducing the number of subscribers.

Grosvenor backs bid

Grosvenor Group, the electrical distributor and manufacturer, has recommended the £3.9 million offer from Hollis, the stationery, furniture and timber group 82 per cent owned by Mr Robert Maxwell's Pergamon Press.

Isro members vote to merge with SE

By Our Banking Correspondent

The International Securities Regulatory Organization, the group of largely foreign banks and securities houses, yesterday voted overwhelmingly to merge with the Stock Exchange.

Loan rates 'need to go up again'

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

A further sharp rise in interest rates will be necessary to prop up the pound, says Phillips & Drew, the broker, in its latest monthly forecast. The rise would be necessary to restore financial confidence and to keep inflation under control in an economy which was beginning to overheat.

Reed up 57%

Reed International's pretax profits for the six months to September 28 rose 57 per cent to £80.2 million on turnover of £923 million. This pushed the share price up 40p to 291p.

Tesco leap

Pretax profits at Tesco jumped by 40 per cent to £55.4 million for the 24 weeks to August 9. Turnover rose by 6.6 per cent to £1.7 billion.

No referral

The acquisition by Prosper Mulder of assets of Thomas Borthwick & Sons will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

DDT listing

DDT Group, an unlisted securities market company, has applied for a full listing. Dealings are expected to begin on Monday.

Output falls

South African gold production fell to 52,424 kilos (1,685,463 ounces) in September after falling to 53,845 kilos (1,731,158 ounces) in August.

United deal

United Newspapers has sold Morgan-Grampian Inc. one of its US subsidiaries, to Random House Inc for \$30 million (£21.24 million), payable in cash on completion.

Greig Middleton sells 25% of enlarged capital

By Alison Eadie

Greig Middleton, the independent stockbroker, has sold 25 per cent of its enlarged capital to four institutional investors for an undisclosed sum.

The four are the West German bank, Landesbank Rheinland-Pfalz-Girozentrale, the Bank of Scotland, The Scottish National Trust, an investment trust based in Glasgow, and Graig Investments, part of the Graig shipping group.

Eurotunnel hits UK cash target

By Our City Staff

Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French Channel tunnel consortium which has been struggling to raise £206 million in an international share placing, succeeded yesterday in its cash-raising exercise.

Computer press awards

Entries for the 1986 UK Computer Press Awards, sponsored by The Times and Hewlett-Packard and designed to encourage high standards of journalism, must be in by tomorrow.



Surrounded by discontent: Mr George Hayter, head of information services at the Exchange

Hanson backtracks over pension funds dispute

By Lawrence Lever

Hanson Trust was forced into a last-minute climbdown at a shareholders' meeting yesterday over its plans to split the Courage pension funds and to take control of an estimated £80 million pension surplus.

packed shareholders' meeting called to approve the sale of Courage. The London meeting was picketed by about 150 Courage employees, and dominated by a barrage of questions from Courage pensioners who were also Hanson Trust shareholders.

And it accepted it was wrong to deny representatives from the Transport and General Workers' Union a meeting with the Courage pension fund management and trustees.

However, the fate of the surplus remains uncertain. And Courage pensioners were unable to obtain assurances from Hanson Trust that they will have the same generous benefits treatment as they enjoyed with Courage.

The key word was "voluntarily". A Hanson shareholder pointed out that provisions of the Finance Act 1986 might well force Hanson to claim the surplus for itself.

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Undertaker named as a star of business

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The fashion for identifying Britain's rising entrepreneurial talent was taken a step further yesterday by a new glossy magazine, *Business*, which unveiled its list of the top 40 under-40s.

Predictably, the roll of honour included Mr Richard Branson, head of the Virgin Group and one of Mrs Thatcher's favourites, Mr Alan Sugar of Amstrad and Mr Bruce Oldfield, described as the crown prince of British fashion, who is also preferred by the Princess of Wales.

But surprises in the list, compiled by teams of journalists, business researchers, head-hunters, stockbrokers, merchant bankers and lawyers, included Mr Howard Hodgson, aged 36, head of his family's undertaking business in Birmingham, who has built up the firm which now has 1 per cent of the annual £330 million national turnover in funerals.

The youngest in the list is Mr Andrew Carmichael of the Britain's largest law firm, Linklaters & Paines, and who, at 29, is said to be the country's top Eurobond lawyer.

Six of the 40 are women, ranging from Mrs Betty Jackson, the fashion designer, to Mrs Lesley Wants, the first woman to become a main board director of Kleinwort Benson.

Five of the 40 are involved in financial services, with a further seven holding senior financial positions in their organizations.

Next expects to make profit of £60m

By Alexandra Jackson

Next, the clothing and home furnishing chain, hopes to grow by 25 per cent this year, according to Mr George Davies, the chief executive.

And assuming a full-year contribution from Grattan, the mail-order house, Next expects profits in excess of £60 million for the year to August 1987.

The group has decided to move its year end to January 1988, and therefore will report results for a 17-month period.

Next announced a rise in pretax profits yesterday of £20.8 million to £27.7 million for the year to August 1986.

Earnings per share increased from 8.7p to 12p. The final dividend is 3.7p. With the interim payment of 1.3p this represents an annual increase of 33 per cent.

Next plans to maximise the potential Grattan and intends to unveil its new concept for home shopping next autumn.

The group is continuing to expand its range of retail outlets. Tempus, page 26

Globe profits up 15%

By Our City Staff

Globe Investment Trust yesterday reported a 15 per cent increase in profits attributable to shareholders for the six months to September 30, 1986.

The attributable profits, after tax, were £11 million, compared with £9.5 million in the corresponding period last year.

Mr David Harvey, Globe's chairman, said yesterday the whole group had contributed to this year's rise, which was pleasing since Globe had reduced its holdings in high-yield stocks over the past two years in favour of low-yielding British and overseas investments.

He also highlighted the increase in underwriting fees and a reduction in the investment trust's borrowings.

However, he cautioned that the first-half increase would not be repeated in the second half. Earnings per share were increased by 12.9 per cent in the first half while net asset value decreased by 1.47 per cent.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS
New York 1848.00 (+2.53)
Dow Jones 1848.00 (+2.53)
Tokyo 16505.38 (+107.55)
Nikkei Dow 16505.38 (+107.55)
Hong Kong 2345.24 (-10.69)
Amstamsdams Gen 267.8 (-2.4)
Sydney AO 1374.3 (-15.8)
Frankfurt 1937.7 (-16.8)
Commerzbank 1937.7 (-16.8)
Brussels 3846.74 (-10.65)
General 378.4 (+0.9)
Paris: CAC 378.4 (+0.9)
Zurich 536.70 (+0.1)
SKA General 536.70 (+0.1)
London closing prices Page 27

INTEREST RATES
Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11 1/2-12 1/2%
3-month eligible bills: 10 1/2-11 1/2%
buying rate
US
Prime Rate 7 1/2%
Federal Funds 5 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.21-5.19%
30-year bonds 9 1/2-9 3/4%

CURRENCIES
London: New York: £: \$1.4110
E: DM2.8615
S: SwF2.2620
E: FRF3.4018
E: Yen226.25
E: Index: 67.8
ECU: £0.72848
New York: New York: \$: £1.4120
E: DM2.8285
S: SwF2.2740
E: FRF3.4285
E: Yen226.42
E: Index: 111.2
SDR: £0.847364

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Cookson Group 454p (+18p)
Heworth Ceramic 210p (+22p)
Pirbrighton 520p (+14p)
Manders 388p (+17p)
Magnet 285p (+17p)
Cossin Group 475p (+10p)
Wimpey 185 1/2p (+9 1/2p)
Coloroll Group 213p (+7p)
Lucas 458p (+10p)
Matthew Brown 588p (+13p)
Burtonwood 673p (+23p)
WNL 555p (+15p)
Reed Int. 291p (+30p)
N Brown Int. 300p (+20p)
Glen 840p (+30p)
Bestwood 435p (+30p)
Reuters 538p (+34p)

FALLS:
Henderson 182p (-19p)
B Matthews 272p (-8p)
Tesco 405p (-8p)
IC Gas 555p (-8p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM \$407.75 pm \$405.80
close \$405.00-406.50 (2268.50-2877.00)
New York:
Comex \$404.00-404.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm \$13.40bbi (\$13.65)
* Denotes latest trading price

Goodyear 'buying spree' on talk of Goldsmith takeover

From Bailey Morris, Washington

James was best known for his interest in undervalued companies with large natural resources. Goodyear's sale of tyres accounts for about 70 per cent of earnings.

Last December it acquired oil and gas properties from Chevron Corporation and in 1983 it acquired energy holdings from Celeron Corporation. Analysts said these properties, valued at \$700 million, were contributing little to earnings. In addition, Goodyear owns a small aerospace business.

The Goodyear analyst swept Wall Street as talk reacted to news that First Interstate Bancorp had raised its offer for BankAmerica Corporation from \$18 to \$22 a share.

First Interstate's latest offer, to be considered by the BankAmerica board at a meeting on Monday, was valued at \$33.39 billion. This represents an increase of 22 per cent on the earlier offer which Mr AW 'Tom' Clausen, the new chief executive, had indicated he would reject.

Analyst said, given its pressing need for new capital, BankAmerica might find it difficult to reject the First Interstate offer, even though Mr Clausen wants the bank to remain independent.

Pittsburgh (AP-DJ) - Mr Robert Holmes a Court, the Australian investor, sold his entire stake in USX Corp about two weeks ago, Mr David Roderick, the USX chairman, revealed. Mr Roderick said Mr Holmes a Court acquired shares in USX worth \$15 million prior to a Hart-Scott-Rodino filing. He then acquired additional shares and options.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Pilkington jumps 14p on talk of dawn raid by BTR at 550p

By Carol Leonard

Disgruntled market men, complaining constantly about the sterile atmosphere of the new-look City, resorted yesterday to regurgitating a string of age-old old stories.

Top of the list was Pilkington Brothers, the glass manufacturer, where talk late in the day was of a dawn raid - either first thing this morning or tomorrow - by BTR, the industrial conglomerate, at 550p a share.

Cazenove, the broker, which acts for Pilkington, is believed to have checked through the share register and found nothing untoward.

Only last week, there was speculation that Cazenove might be about to resign as Pilkington's broker so that it could act for another party wanting to take Pilkington over.

Pilkington's shares spurred 14p to 520p and BTR firmed 5p to 285p.

Some analysts suggested that Pilkington might be about to launch its long-awaited bid for United Scientific, up 2p at 150p, as a defensive move.

Hanson Trust and its next possible US acquisition was also widely discussed, with American Brands, the \$5.5 billion tobacco and distilled drinks group, the most frequently mentioned name.

But American Brands owns Gallager, which, coupled with Hanson's Imperial Tobacco, would give it about 70 per cent of the British tobacco market - and problems with the Monopolies Commission.

A takeover deal accompanied by the sale of either Imperial Tobacco or Gallager

could be one solution. Another company mentioned as a possible target for Hanson's attentions is Corn Products, which owns Hellman's Mayonnaise and a number of other leading brand names. Its shares have risen from \$60 to \$80 on Wall Street in the past couple of weeks.

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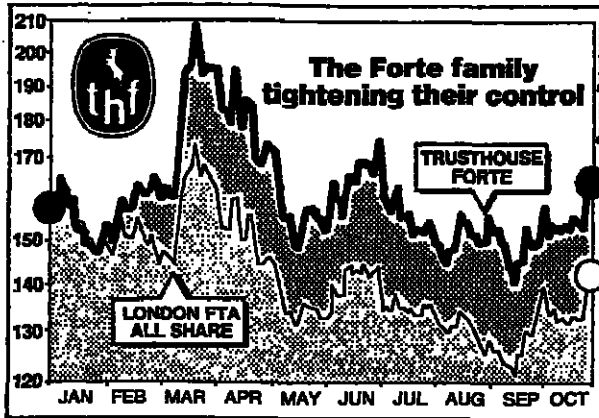
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The Forte family, owners of Trusthouse Forte, the £1.3 billion hotel chain, have been on a £2.25 million spending spree, buying shares in their own company.

Towards the end of last week, Lord Forte, his son, Rocco and daughter, Mrs Olga Polizzi, picked up 500,000 shares each, paying about 150p a share.

The move is being seen in some quarters as defensive. Earlier this year there was speculation that Marriott Hotels, the US group, might be about to launch a bid and it was discovered that the family control of THF was not as watertight as had generally been assumed.

One City analyst commented: "It could just be that they had a bit of spare cash and did it as an investment."

The Forte family and their fellow directors speak for the 20 per cent of the company, which a panel of trustees controlling a further 50 per cent. However, recent speculation that the trustees might soon be disbanded, leaving the group wide open to a predator, is, it is understood,

unfounded. Talk that the family may be on the brink of selling its stake in the Savoy Hotel, worth about £300 million, is also untrue.

THF's shares, which have been a steady market of late,

North of England brewery, spurred a further 15p to a fresh record of 568p, with speculators hoping that Scottish & Newcastle may soon launch a new bid. The 12-month cease-fire since S&N's last, narrowly-unsuccessful takeover attempt ended on December 11.

This speculation comes on the eve of the publication of Lord Forte's autobiography, called simply Forte.

South & Fitz, the troubled engineer, where Mr Robert Maxwell, owner of the Daily Mirror, is in the process of injecting £4 million in return for a 77.5 per cent share stake, hit another fresh low, with its shares falling 5p to 90p. This makes a two-day fall of 30p

and more than halves the value of the company since the peak of 210p this year.

But fears that the sudden demise of the share price might signal that Mr Maxwell has decided to pull out from the deal - being done through a subsidiary of his Pergamon Press master company - are unfounded.

Adviser Hill Samuel says it is working on the refinancing package now and hopes to be in a position to offer detailed proposals for shareholders' approval before the end of November.

Mr Leslie Goodman, of Hill Samuel, said: "Mr Maxwell's rescue package values Stothert's shares at less than 60p and one could argue that the market is adjusting the share price so that it is more in line with his offer."

Oil's were weak once again on talk that Mexico and Saudi Arabia have been offering oil at a 50 per cent discount to market rates. BP dropped a further 8p to 635p, ICG 9p to 564p, Britoil 3.5p to 124.5p, Shell 2p to 876p and Petrolol a couple of pence to 34p.

The news that Grand Metropolitan has appointed Mr Ian Martin as managing director of its US operation did little for its shares, which slid 5p to 433p. However, Mr Daniel Leaf, a leading sector analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, sees the move as positive. He said: "Together with its sale of Liggett Myers and its plans to appoint a new chief executive, it shows that the company is clearly responding to City criticism."

BET jumped 17p to 413p in response to a "buy" recommendation from Mr Bob Haville, an analyst at James Capel, the broker.

Hepworth Ceramics, the manufacturer of clay and plastic pipes, was the highlight of the building sector on talk that the English China Clays may be about to launch a bid at 270p a share. Hepworth's shares kept 21p to 208p in response.

Hepworth is capitalized at around £335 million, compared with English China Clay's £260 million, so if there were an approach, it is likely to be an agreed deal.

Barratt Developments, the housebuilder, gained 4p to 148p after a touch at Cazenove, which is thought to have been bullish.

Reed International, the paper and publishing concern, jumped 4p to 291p in late trading after revealing a 57 per cent increase in interim profits. Chase Securities immediately stepped up its profits forecast for the full year to £182 million.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Exchange must act to prevent Topic decay

The trouble with computer problems is that once they creep into the system they tend to feed upon themselves and become less easy to sort out. Thus the problems encountered on the first day of Big Bang, far from being teething troubles, have progressively proved to be deep-seated faults in the gums.

The Stock Exchange is in some difficulty now. Essentially, the capacity of the Topic information display system, on to which the all-important SEAQ system was, for convenience, grafted, is just not big enough for the job. It needs to be able to cope with 200 inquiries a second and it has managed that only briefly, on Monday before the rot set in.

No wonder many member companies are worried about the separate but equally vital automated settlement system, yet to face its first big test. For this, too, has been subject to teething troubles.

Only practice will tell whether those doubts are legitimate or just derived from the Topic experience. But already it is clear that the Stock Exchange Council and executive will have to take some swift and possibly drastic measures if Big Bang is to enhance London's position in international debt and equity markets and not irretrievably damage it. After all, British industry is littered with basically good products that never sold because they were full of faults when first put on the market.

The picture of large securities houses switching randomly in and out of the SEAQ system in different sectors of the market, to cope with unpredictable breakdowns, is an unhappy and unsustainable one. This is the worst of all worlds.

There is no instant prospect of increasing computer capacity. The Stock Exchange is trying computer software solutions, but these will take some time. Decisions have to be taken to reduce the strain on the system in an organized and not an arbitrary way.

It is legitimate to axe some less vital Topic services or to reduce their availability. This may be enough to preserve the integrity of SEAQ. But the Exchange may have to bite an even bigger bullet and take some of the third and even second class equity stocks off SEAQ altogether. These were always likely to be traded, as in days of yore, on the floor of the Exchange. Now they may have to revert to old manual methods of price display.

As is so often the case, however, one man's disaster is another's boost to business - in this case Reuters'. Futures prices on Liffe and some foreign exchange has been axed from Topic already, leaving Reuters' Monitor service, already used by the Eurosecurities market, in pole position. Reuters has a more advanced

system with more safeguards. It failed to make a deal with the Stock Exchange, mainly as it turns out, to the Exchange's cost.

A cut in the air

Yesterday morning, the Bank of England proved to its entire satisfaction that it can sell smoothly £1 billion of government debt in the new gilt-edged market. The Treasury 10 per cent Convertible 1991 was oversubscribed at 296.50 per cent, 25p above the minimum tender price.

The operation may have been helped by using money from the redemption of Exchequer 14 per cent to support the market but a technical ploy of this kind is as nothing compared with the scent of an early cut in bank base rates. The market caught a whiff of it last evening when speculation, originating in Tokyo, that the Japanese may be about to cut their discount rate from 3 1/2 per cent, reached the ears and screens of New York bond dealers.

It might make sense. Although the West German authorities have set their faces against cutting rates, Japan, the United States and the United Kingdom have an immediate vested interest in well-informed expectations of lower interest rates.

At the moment, the US bond market is uneasy about prospects for the November auctions of Federal Government debt, especially after the lukewarm response to an issue of seven year notes. The Japanese have in their end-November surging a new issue whose yield - the murmur is 5.7 per cent - will become the benchmark for the Tokyo market, as well as an important indicator for New York.

The differential "norm" between the two markets is 2 1/2 per cent. Positive action, like cutting the Japanese discount rate, would help clear the air.

The London market would now like to believe that the Chancellor is girding his loins for a cut of a half of one percentage point in base rates. The Bank of England's signals to the money market, though not entirely unambiguous, are tending to raise hopes. If, as seems likely, the bulk of yesterday's Treasury Convertible stock went no further than the market-makers, the next, retailing phase could not have a better send-off than the gathering expectation of a Lawson half point off.

The one grey shadow across this brightening picture is the fall in German bond prices. The average yield, calculated by the Bundesbank, on German public sector debt rose yesterday from 6.06 per cent to 6.12 per cent. As the German yield is widely regarded as the proxy for the "true" international rate of interest, this suggests rising rather than falling rates.

ALPHA STOCKS

Prices are as at 6.45pm

Table with columns for 1986 High/Low/Company, Price, Change, and 1986 High/Low/Company, Price, Change. Lists various stocks like ASDA-MFI, BTR, BAT, etc.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Suddenly political forecasting has a keener edge than usual

By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

Can voting patterns be explained simply by voters' economic well-being? For two decades and a half after the Second World War it seemed they could, and although the relationship broke down in the 1970s, some of the pollsters and academics now claim to have re-established a relationship in which voting intentions reflect, after a lag, voters' perceptions of their economic circumstances.

Whether the formal relationships computed by the experts prove robust, few people would deny the health of the economy is likely to have an important influence on the election result. That makes the current forecasting round more significant than usual.

For one thing, if the City believed both the economic forecasts and the relationship between economic growth and election results - two big ifs - it might feel a little less edgy about sterling.

The Treasury is now putting the final touches to the forecast which the Chancellor will publish in the Autumn Statement next month. It remains confident that the effects of lower oil prices, which leave more money in the pockets of oil importers, will show through next year in a higher rate of growth in world trade in which Britain will participate.

It believes also that any increase in inflation will be modest. The Budget forecast projected 3 1/2 per cent in the final quarter of this year through to the second quarter of next and the Government sees no need to change that much.

Sterling has fallen faster than expected but oil prices too have been lower than the \$15 a barrel assumed in the Budget.

Not everyone is so optimistic. The table shows the present range of forecasts for 1987 and 1987-88 financial year. The National Institute for Economic and Social Research sees only modest

growth next year of 1.8 per cent - too small to make any impact on unemployment - and a significant jump in inflation to 5 1/2 per cent. The explanation lies partly in the large current account deficit which the institute is expecting.

The big uncertainty, as so often, is how the supply side of the economy will respond to the opportunities created by a lower exchange rate.

There is no prospect of any shortage of demand. Consumer spending, fuelled by high real wage increases, has remained buoyant this year and is widely expected to stay that way next year. The average expectation is that it will grow by nearly 4 per cent in 1987, roughly the same rate of growth as this year.

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COMPARISON OF FORECASTS 1987/1987-88

Table comparing forecasts for 1987 and 1987-88 across various economic indicators like GDP, RPI, Current account, etc.

Non durable consumption 1 Average measure 2 Output measure 3 Expenditure measure 4 First half 1987 at annual rate 5 Interpreted variously by forecasters as either residual or as target 6 Calendar year 1987 7 First half 1987 or first half 1986 8 1986/87 on 1987/82 9 ex tax 10 Cambridge Economics Forecast taken from longer term disaggregate forecast

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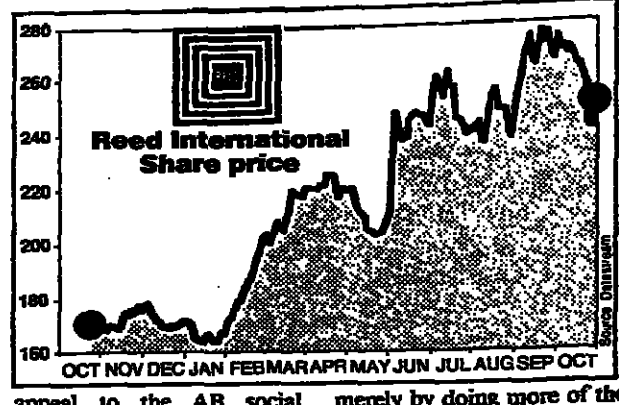
Better returns on Big Bang war for space bigger buildings sends rents rocketing

Big is beautiful, Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, the chartered surveyors, says in its analysis of the 106 properties worth more than £10 million in Investment Property Data-bank's portfolio.

By Judith Huntley Japanese tenant at £42.50 a sq ft, a record for the location and high by any City standards.

The Daily Telegraph's printing site has been sold for development already while News International has plans for Bouverie Street and its surroundings.

TEMPUS Reed reaps rewards of rationalization



A strategy of reorganization and rationalization is starting to pay off for Reed International, the paper and publishing group.

Reed is paying for Technical Publishing, its latest US acquisition, this weekend. The £250 million (£170 million) acquisition will double the group debt but borrowings will remain a modest 20 per cent of capital employed.

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2	Baskleys	Breweries	
3	BICC	Electricals	
4	Portals	Industrials L-R	
5	DEC	Electricals	
6	Midland	Textiles, Discount	
7	Comcorp	Electricals	
8	Surekline	Industrials S-Z	
9	Amec	Building, Roads	
10	New Cavendish	Property	
11	Becham	Industrials A-D	
12	Ladbrokes	Hotels, Catering	
13	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
14	Tarmac	Building, Roads	
15	Rose Masani	Paper, Print, Adv	
16	Davy	Industrials A-D	
17	Ramsco Int	Industrials L-R	
18	Thorn EMI	Electricals	
19	Standard Hidge	Foods	
20	Stantam	Textiles, Discount	
21	Metal Box	Industrials L-R	
22	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
23	Lloyds	Banking, Discount	
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25	Blue Arrow	Industrials A-D	
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102	100.00	100.00	100.00			
103	100.00	100.00	100.00			
104	100.00	100.00	100.00			
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Geared up to grow fast

Impetuosity born of youth could be seen as the reason for Europe's plastics industry finding itself in rather undignified disarray in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Plunging demand and gross over-capacity followed the second oil crisis and, subsequently, the industry had to pay dearly for its earlier planning and commercial shortcomings.

Today, the industry is on more stable footing. Much of the over-capacity that existed in 1980 has been removed painfully and expensively, although the financial margins being achieved remain inadequate to justify major investment in plastics, or in petrochemicals in general.

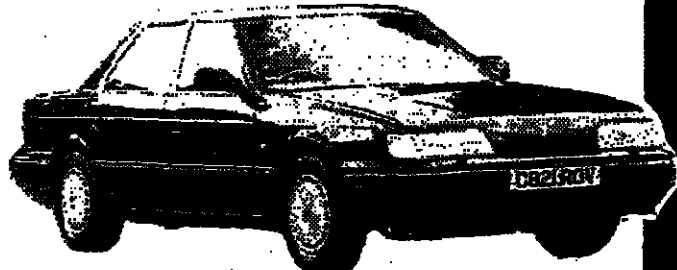
Plastics is still a relatively young industry. Although, historically, it can be traced back to the 19th century, the industry as we know it today only dates back about 50 years.

Materials such as polyethylene (or polythene, as it is often termed from the original ICI trademark), polystyrene and PVC (polyvinyl chloride) enjoyed steady commercial success in the 1960s with double digit growth rates the norm as they replaced traditional materials in many applications and created new versions of old products. Packaging and building were the two key growth areas.

Buoyed by this success, Europe's chemical companies embarked on wide-ranging investment programmes for petrochemicals, of which plastics was only a part.

With growth rates of at least 10 per cent in Europe seemingly assured, plus the potential for deep sea exports, plants sprang up in most countries. Indeed, there were worries at the time whether industry would be able to meet future demand.

Sadly, planning and commercial implementation of strategies proved distinctly



The Rover 800 makes extensive use of Bayer engineering thermoplastics and, right, a helicopter blade made from a glass fibre reinforced plastic by BASF in the United States

fallible, if not inadequate. Although words of caution about slackening growth rates were being voiced from the mid-1970s, they were not widely heeded and the juggernaut of over-investment took time to come to a halt.

All chemical companies made heavy losses in the early part of this decade as earlier errors were wiped from the slate.

Rationalization was the buzz-word as firms reshaped their business strategies, although some will argue today that further efforts in this direction are still needed, perhaps eyeing the West Ger-

Restructuring the industry

man giants who have certainly not been prominent, it would seem, in cutting back on capacity.

Under the leadership of John Harvey-Jones, ICI has been in the front of the restructuring process. Initially it arranged a swap deal with BP Chemicals where ICI took over all the PVC interests of the two firms and BP acquired virtually all of ICI's polyethylene business, a material the company had initially invented and commercialized.

Subsequently, ICI has entered into a deal with the Italian firm Enichem whereby the resources of their two PVC businesses are combined into a single marketing concern,

known as the European Vinyls Corporation.

However, more of these restructuring initiatives are needed if the European plastics industry is to operate from a position of strength.

Speaking last month to the European Petrochemical Association (EPCA), Tom Hutchinson, ICI's main board director with responsibilities for continental Europe, noted that there was now a "moderate yet rising sense of optimism regarding the future of the industry in Western Europe".

Factors contributing to this more sanguine view of the industry's prospects include lower oil prices, improving economic growth prospects, a declining threat from Middle East petrochemical developments, rationalization and a greater sense of economic realism within the industry.

Mr Hutchinson believes, and many would agree, that the plastics industry's problems have stemmed not from a lack of innovation, but inadequate business strategies.

Certainly the industry is alive with ideas and developments geared to the future, with significant growth potential seen in the automotive market, in packaging, electronics, telecommunications and business machinery.

To help in future growth, many prominent plastics processing companies have invested in new plant and



equipment for updating production operations so they are now equipped to meet the exacting requirements of companies such as Ford, IBM and Philips who source supplies from around the world but want to retain product uniformity.

Robotized production is penetrating plastics conversion just as it has car assembly plants. Gone are the days of one operator for each machine. Labour has been deployed to greater purpose, the microchip has led to infinitely better production manage-

ment in addition to improved machine control.

Today it is possible to carry out mould/tool changes fully automatically in less than one minute compared with at least two manual hours just a few years ago.

Depending somewhat on classification, Europe's plastics and resin market accounts for 20 million tonnes of material, although Europe's producers manufacture some 25 million tonnes.

By far the largest share of European consumption, 12.5 million tonnes, is accounted

for by the commodity plastics — the five bulk thermoplastics, low and high density polyethylene, polypropylene, PVC and polystyrene. Consumption for these materials rose by 4 per cent in 1985, with the level of 1 per cent above GNP being seen as the standard to the end of this decade.

The PVC market has been decidedly sluggish across Europe for several years, the building industry in most countries being a severely depressive influence.

Polyethylene outlets continue to improve but with 75



Leading the restructuring process: John Harvey-Jones of ICI and, right, Ray Knowland of BP Chemicals

per cent of low density material consumption being in film applications, it could be argued that the industry has made life particularly difficult for itself by bringing into the market a new variant in linear low density (linear referring to the structure) which has allowed many film applications to be downgraded by up to 50 per cent.

The shining star in this commodity firmament is polypropylene, which has enjoyed a 10 per cent growth in each of the last three years and now has a market of two million tonnes.

Polypropylene (PP) has substantial markets in film and fibre applications (everything from strapping to carpet backing) and is finding many new moulding applications ranging from car bumpers to the latest squeeze tomato ketchup bottles.

It has been the commodity plastics business which has been of great concern to European producers. Even with the rationalization that has taken place (which was a much more difficult process than in the US, for example, because of the more complex integration of plants that has existed in Europe), the output of the industry had a value in 1985 of DM100 billion.

This contributes significantly to the trade balance in Europe and gives direct employment to some 200,000 people.

In addition, there is the plastics processing industry. BASF, Hoechst and Chemische Werke Huls, are three of the largest commodity plastics companies, while Bayer is probably Europe's leader in engineering plastics.

Companies from West Germany are becoming increasingly prominent in world process machinery markets, as well as having a dominant position in Europe.

It is therefore appropriate that the world's largest-ever plastics exhibition takes place in Dusseldorf from November 6-13. K'86, as the fair is called, occupies all 16 halls of the Dusseldorf site with 1,700 exhibitors from 40 countries covering 115,000 square metres of stand space.

More than 200,000 visitors are expected during the eight-day show, with 50 per cent coming from outside West Germany.

Although inevitably somewhat introspective, K'86 will

Largest-ever plastics show

also illustrate how plastics (and rubbers) are set to occupy an ever more prominent position in our everyday lives. The days of the non-water-proof plastic mac are long since gone, although, sadly, that image still lingers in many minds.

Rather the public, if not knowing their polystyrene from the polyurethane, ought to appreciate how plastics are making their cars safer and more economic, their appliances and consumer durables tougher, lighter, more compact and cheaper, their communications more instant and international, and the quality of life that much better than if reliant upon traditional materials.

Boon for car designers

The amount of plastics used in a car is put at around 176lb. Some cars use more: the Audi 100 incorporates nearly 320lb, the Citroen BX at least 198lb.

Now the plastics industry is seeking to use the material more widely for body panels and under-the-bonnet applications.

Vehicle interiors are pretty well saturated with plastics, ranging from urethane foam with nylon upholstery for seating to instrument cowl, door handles, fascias, lock mechanisms and roof linings.

The virtues of plastics in these applications include lightness, corrosion-resistance, self-colouring, texturing, paintability, economy in use and the ability to produce complex shapes in one operation.

As car designers become more aware of the benefits of plastics they are switching to designing in the material instead of merely adopting a metal replacement approach.

The rapid acceptance of plastics by the motor industry says much for the inherent virtues of the material. Once proven, it often sweeps the board. Nylon radiator header tanks and polypropylene air-cleaner housings are good examples.

A common link today is a need for higher temperature performance and inherent strength. Thus, there are moves towards what are often termed the engineering plastics: higher cost materials but still able to provide economic attractiveness to motor companies because of their ability to be processed quickly, to offer the potential for parts consolidation, to maintain dimensional tolerance and to eliminate finishing operations. Compared to steel and cast

iron, engineering plastics can be energy savers in production and problem solvers in parts design and manufacture.

One good example of co-operation between materials supplier and car manufacturer is the Rover 800. A two-year co-ordination and development programme between the Austin Rover Group and Bayer, the West German engineering plastics specialist, saw its fulfilment in the Rover 800 incorporating 75lb of Bayer's materials in 25 different applications.

At the end of the day, it probably does not matter to ARG that the front and rear bumpers and spoilers for the

High-impact resistance

Rover 800 are moulded in an elastomer-modified polybutylene terephthalate (Bayer's Povan S 1506). What is of importance is that they have a high-impact resistance, withstand the high oven temperatures used for the on-line body top coat paint process, are visually attractive and add to the car's performance.

Current experimental work in Europe and the US points to future cars being constructed of a metal base frame or skeletal structure capable of meeting all necessary strength requirements with the various body panels being of the hang-on variety. Because of varying temperature requirements for body panels, these can be subdivided into horizontal or vertical panels.

For horizontal panels there is a prime requirement to maintain a high degree of shape integrity since the bonnet, boot lid and roof are

highly visible areas that will quickly show any defects.

Vertical panels such as front and rear wings and door panels have a degree of intrinsic stiffness because of their shape, though still requiring short-term stability to high temperatures.

Glass reinforced polyester (the layman's Fibreglass) in the form of a hot press moulded sheet moulding compound (SMC) has excellent possibilities for bonnets and boot lids. Already it has been proved on the Citroen BX bonnet and tailgate, the latter in the form of a special long glass fibre injection moulding compound (ZMC) developed by two French companies.

Engineering thermoplastics such as nylon and polycarbonate can meet vertical body panel criteria. Such materials are easily injection moulded, but other contenders, such as reaction injection moulded (RIM) polyurethanes, with and without some form of glass reinforcement, have yet to meet full scale plastics production requirements.

Also, there are other concepts, such as sandwich moulding of polypropylene in which a foamed core material is encapsulated in a solid exterior grade of the same resin in a one-shot process.

The ill-fated De Loreau gull-winged car was an excellent example of plastics technology being used in an innovative manner. Utilizing know-how licensed from Lotus Cars, the De Loreau resin-based composite body structure was produced in two halves at up to 85 units a day.

Under-the-bonnet plastics components will be expected to perform under conditions of sustained load and high temperatures. That the materials are available to achieve this performance standard has already been proved in the US where the virtually all-plastics engine built by Polimotor showed a 60 per cent weight saving over a conventional engine and proved sufficiently robust to be used in performance car races.

Even if the economics of switching to plastics engines were right, which they are not, there would inevitably be caution in moving away from metal. However, certain plastics parts do look of interest.

Polymeric valve springs would allow faster revving engines, polyamide bucket tappets contribute to increased engine efficiency. Also, already some of the more exotic high temperature thermoplastics such as polyethersulphone and polyphenylene sulphide have proved their worth for use as bearings and thrust washers, taking advantage of properties such as low wear and friction plus good chemical resistance.

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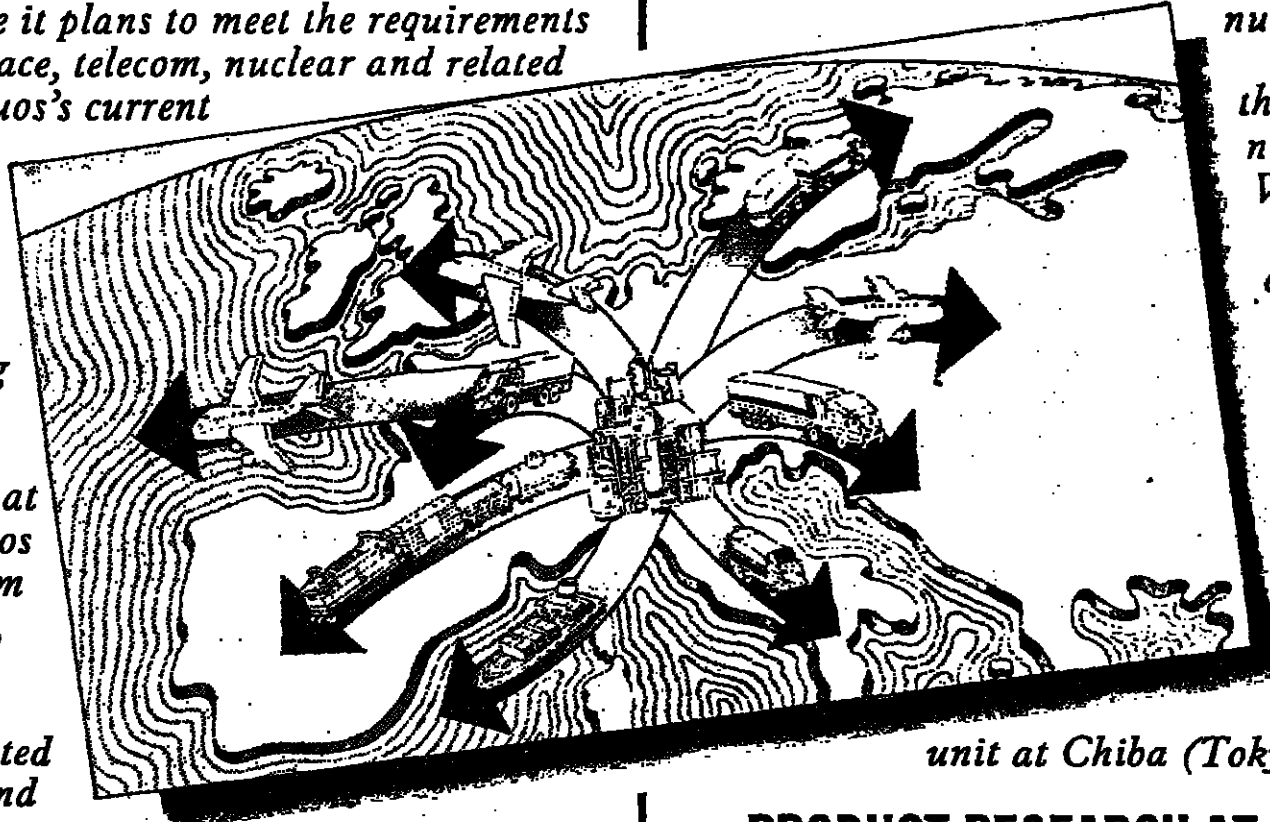
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The packaging market accounts for at least 25 per cent of plastics consumption in all European countries. In many, the usage is put at around 33 per cent, or one third of per capita demand.

Despite the entrenchment of plastics in the packaging sector, many new developments are now coming to the marketplace which will reinforce their position in comparison with traditional materials such as glass, metals, paper and board.

In addition, the majority of well-proven applications continue to grow, though modestly in most instances. Each European country has its standard uses for plastics and packaging, but there are notable variations. For example, the use of PVC bottles in France has always been higher than elsewhere because of the nation's devotion to wine and bottled waters.

The UK, by contrast, saw the boom in the PET bottle for carbonated drinks, following its big success in the US. In just a few years the market for bottles made from PET, or polyethylene terephthalate to give it its correct designation, has grown to 700 million in the UK. This 1985 figure was up from 570 million in 1984 in 12 months.

Fastest-growing plastic packaging
which saw the one- and two-litre sizes grow in consumption terms by 30 per cent. Growth of at least 50 per cent in the market is expected by the end of this decade.

Improved processing technology and material grades have made PET, since 1979, the fastest-growing plastic for packaging applications of all time. The key to this growth has been in the exploitation of its unique set of properties.

These include: high-impact strength at light weight, with resistance to stress cracking; extremely good barrier properties, with almost complete food-packaging approval; exceptional clarity and aesthetics; excellent chemical resistance; high purity; extreme organoleptic performance.

The PET bottle is primarily used for carbonated drinks in both Europe and the US. It has contributed to significant growth in the soft drinks market and now is being used for packaging wines, beer, cider, spirits and waters. The UK take-home beer trade has already been penetrated to a level of 18 per cent by PET packs.

The success of wine in PET bottles for airlines has led to wine-packaging growth in Italy, Spain and France, while some German wine producers use the material for export bottles.

Sizes may range from a five-litre bottle in Italy down to a 175ml container for in-flight use. In continental Europe too the UK lead with packaging of edible oils in PET has been followed in Belgium, France, Spain and Switzerland. Further growth is expected at the top end of the market.

The blow-moulding of PET is not limited to bottles. In the US, five-gallon beer spheres are made in the material, while in the UK, a five-gallon chemical container was launched earlier this year.

Also, particularly in Japan, there have been proven uses of wide-mouthed PET jars and tubs for powdered products such as dairy creamers, spreads, dressings, preservatives and perfumery/cosmetic goods. This latter application has just started in the UK. Lin Pac Plastics Mouldings producing wide-mouthed PET jars for the Innova Natural Choice range of skin creams.

The versatility of PET - the material is used in a range of packaging and non-packaging film applications as well as for blow-moulded bottles and containers - is shown by the introduction of heat-formed

(thermoformed) trays produced from extruded crystalline PET sheets.

These trays are being adopted for the fast-expanding chilled food market where they can be used directly in microwave, as well as conventional ovens. Products are usually sealed with PET film.

In the UK, ICI (Europe's leading supplier of PET resin, trade-named *Melinar*) is supplying the Acas food store chain directly from its recently-installed development line. Other companies, such as Waddington Plastons and BXL Plastics, are also heavily

involved in this area, as is Metal Box which has developed its own six-layer sheet product based on polypropylene which is both microwaveable and retortable.

Polypropylene is in fact a second material proving to have tremendous versatility in developing packaging applications. In oriented film form (OPP) the market went up to 43,000 tonnes in the UK last year. Virtually all of this growth, as in previous years, came from OPP's replacement of the cellulose film market.

Crisps help to boost demand
This substitution took a big leap forward when crisps and other snack foods moved into OPP and the trend has continued. However, last year there was particularly noticeable growth too in the use of pearled OPP films for confectionery to replace packaging papers: the switch of the Mars bar from glassine paper was a major coup.

In injection moulded form, the polypropylene paint tub is proving to be a major success story for emulsion-type paints. Material developments are likely to see PP tubs being used for solvent-containing products in the not too distant future.

One such has been highlighted in recent months by the success of polypropylene bottles incorporating a barrier plastic (ethylene vinyl alcohol, EVOH) for squeeze packs of tomato ketchup, mustard and jams; more outlets where glass containers will find it impossible to stop a major market share being taken away by plastics.

Blow-moulding is a process that has grown in potential significantly since it was first introduced in the packaging market for production of squeeze bottles for washing-up liquids. Progression saw the technique grow until it is now used for containers and

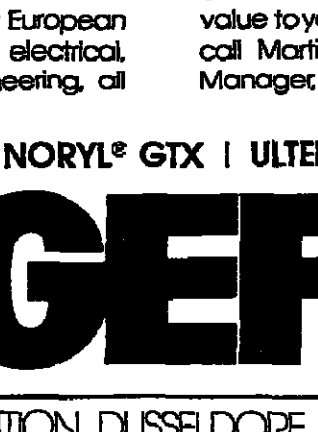
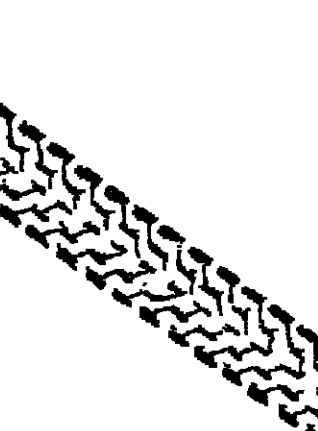
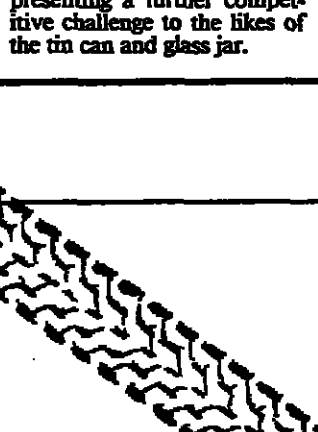
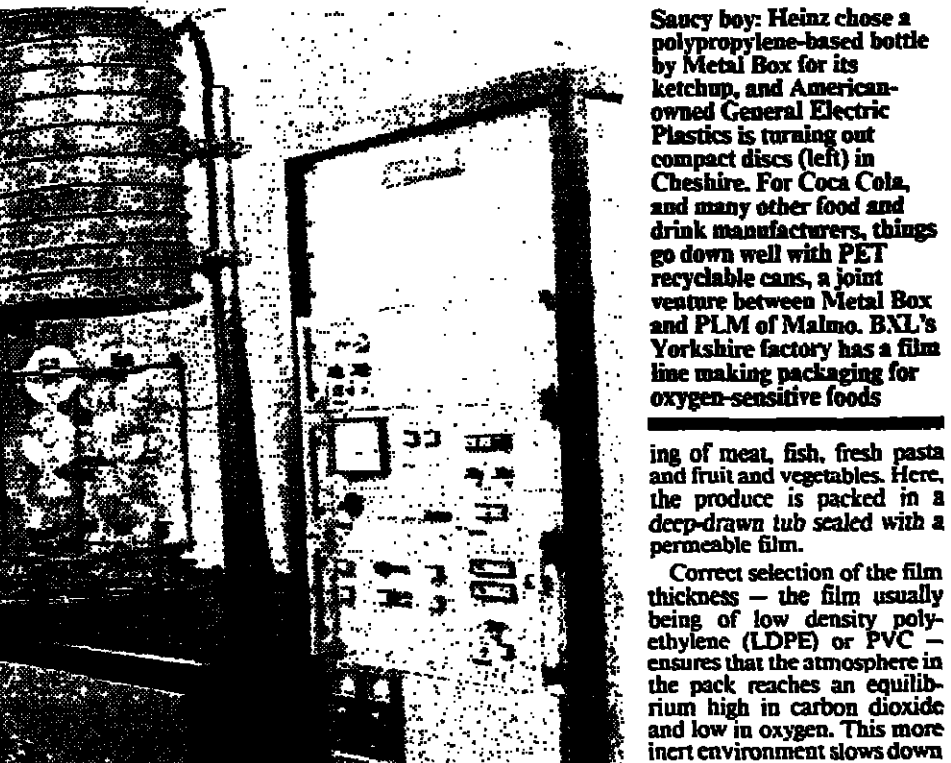
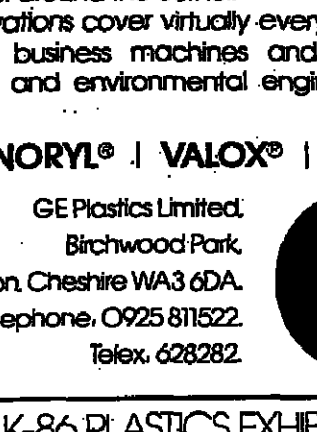
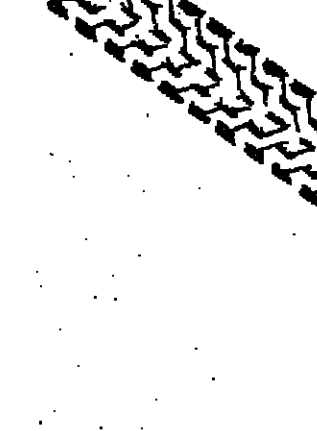
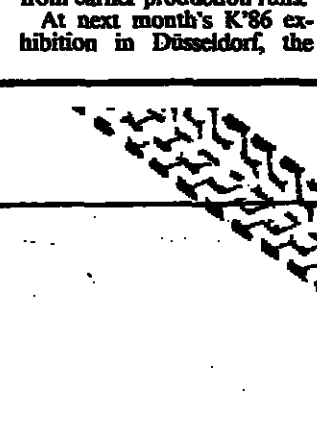
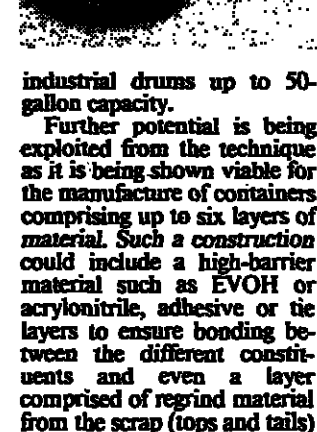
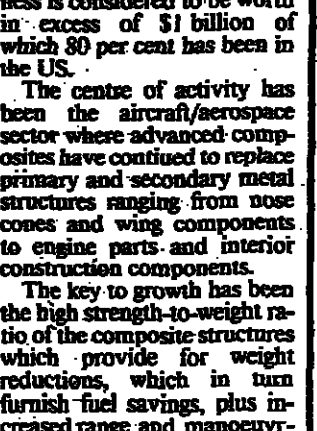
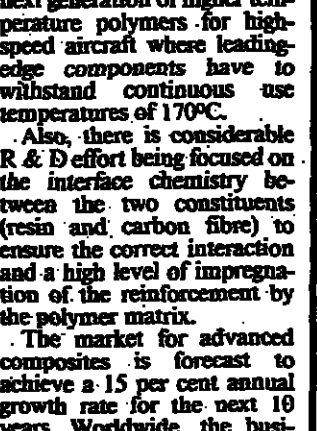
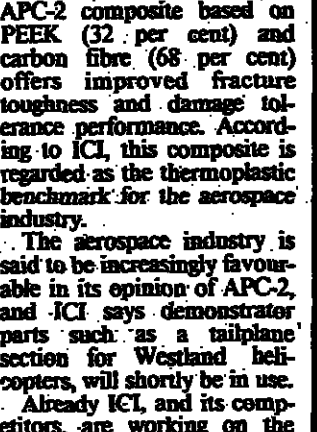
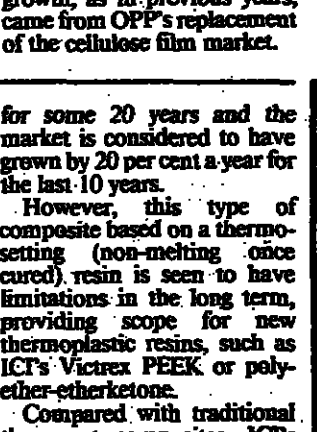
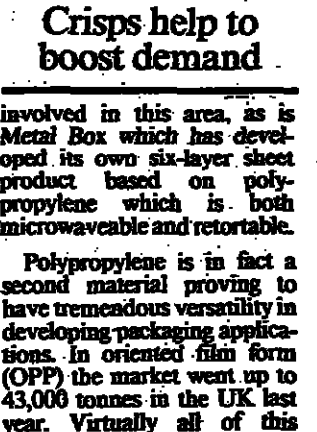
industrial drums up to 50-gallon capacity. Further potential is being exploited from the technique as it is being shown viable for the manufacture of containers comprising up to six layers of material. Such a construction could include a high-barrier material such as EVOH or acrylonitrile, adhesive or tie layers to ensure bonding between the different constituents and even a layer comprised of regrind material from the scrap (tops and tails) from earlier production runs.

At next month's K'86 exhibition in Düsseldorf, the German company Krupp Kautex will be demonstrating the production of a six-layer, 10-litre container. Also highlighting a similar process for packs in up to six layers will be US company Unifoy, which has a sister company, Comec, in Italy. These multi-layer packs can be used for many diverse products, including food, chemicals, medical goods and cosmetics.

They highlight how plastics technology is advancing rapidly in certain quarters, presenting a further competitive challenge to the likes of the tin can and glass jar.

To the end-consumer it matters little, but in practice there will be a better film product, tailored to meet the application requirements, based on optimum utilization of the film's thickness (or gauge) and often leading to cheaper, more competitive packaging.

If there were any doubts that plastics do not meet that criteria they are surely refuted by the way manufacturers of glass, metals, paper and board are cutting back their production operations, while usually being forced to raise prices.



Saucy boy: Heinz chose a polypropylene-based bottle by Metal Box for its ketchup, and American-owned General Electric Plastics is turning out compact discs (left) in Cheshire. For Coca Cola, and many other food and drink manufacturers, things go down well with PET recyclable cans, a joint venture between Metal Box and PLM of Malmo. BXL's Yorkshire factory has a film line making packaging for oxygen-sensitive foods

ing of meat, fish, fresh pasta and fruit and vegetables. Here, the product is packed in a deep-draw tub sealed with a permeable film.

Correct selection of the film thickness - the film usually being of low density polyethylene (LDPE) or PVC - ensures that the atmosphere in the pack reaches an equilibrium high in carbon dioxide and low in oxygen. This more inert environment slows down ripening and decomposition.

Many packaging applications require only a simple film product. In the UK alone last year, packaging, in its broadest sense, accounted for close to 400,000 tonnes of low density polyethylene (LDPE).

Individual markets fluctuate but new outlets still appear. In 1985 there was substantial growth in stretch film for pallet-wrapping, an application for which LLDPE is ideally suited.

Increasingly, films are being tailored to meet specific application requirements. This can be achieved by using polyethylene mixtures or, more sophisticatedly, by producing film co-extrusions based on the low and high density polyethylenes.

Many packaging developments are hastened by the need to establish products that meet the changing lifestyle of the consumer. The shopper today demands fresher and more convenient foods which often goes hand-in-hand with stronger but lighter packaging for consumer goods.

Bag-in-the-box packaging of liquids is one example. This application uses a plastics film, often nylon, laminated or co-extruded with a metallized foil.

Attention has also been focused on the growth of modified-atmosphere packaging.

Engineering plastics can be described as a special group of materials that combine strength, stiffness, heat resistance and toughness to perform as well, or better than, metals in demanding mechanical applications.

The five major materials in the marketplace, all thermoplastics, are the nylons, acetals, thermoplastic polyesters, polycarbonate and modified polyphenylene oxide compositions, though materials such as ABS (acrylonitrile butadiene styrene) and filled grades of polypropylene do meet some of the application criteria.

In addition, there is a range of more exotic, more expensive polymers characterized by their ability to maintain performance levels at higher operating temperatures.

In the mid-1960s, engineering thermoplastics had replaced only 2 per cent of metals and applications where they were technically suited. By 1980, this penetration had increased to 8 per cent and by the year 2000, Du Pont, a world leader in the supply of these materials, believes that 20 or even 30 per cent of this metal replacement opportunity will have been achieved.

Market breakdown for engineering thermoplastics in Europe is considered to be electronic (36 per cent), automotive (23 per cent), building (9 per cent), packaging (5 per cent) and miscellaneous (27 per cent). Up to 1990 this picture is not expected to change dramatically, though the automotive share is likely to grow to at least 25 per cent.

The market analyst Frost & Sullivan believes the European market this year will be valued at \$2.72 billion, rising to nearly \$3.6 billion by 1990. On a weight basis, gains will average 4.4 per cent, from almost 920,000 tonnes to 952,000 tonnes in 1986 and more than 1.1 billion tonnes by 1990. In the period 1984-1990, the automotive market will have accounted for more than 100,000 tonnes of the market's increase.

In the view of Du Pont, suppliers of engineering thermoplastics still have to make considerable effort in terms of general education and design data. The company sees many "metal bashers" still in positions of powerful authority among its customers, though the position is gradually changing.

Although the name of the game with the car industry is always cost effectiveness, with designers wanting better performance at the same "or lower" cost, the outlook for plastics in the automotive market is seen as more positive than at any time in the last 10 years.

Other forms of transport also are becoming increasingly attractive; the bicycle market today accounts for around 5,000 tonnes of engineering plastics in Europe and this could quite easily grow to in

Stylish bikes are a future growth market

excess of 10,000 tonnes by 1990.

While an all-plastics bike is unlikely, re-creation of the current cycle would allow 30-40 per cent of the parts to be in plastics, with additional benefits in terms of minimum maintenance and fashion styling. The plastics wheel as used on the BMX bike, for example, offers better performance than its metal counterpart, especially where rough handling takes place.

The trend in bikes is also likely to move into motor cycles in a very significant way.

Despite the potential in the auto sector, the electrical/electronics market is likely to remain the most important market in the foreseeable future. Companies such as Bayer see continued growth in the business machine area,

New composites have an exciting future in the aerospace world

particularly in laser recorder data transmission for products such as storage systems, satellite antennae and key tops.

In the market for business machine housings, as in many others, the choice of plastics, and what type of plastics, very much relates to the cost of the finished product, not just the cost of the basic raw material.

The polycarbonate compact disc was a completely new use and, despite all the hype and potential seen for engineering thermoplastics, there are not many new applications emerging today.

for some 20 years and the market is considered to have grown by 20 per cent a year for the last 10 years.

However, this type of composite based on a thermosetting (non-melting once cured) resin is seen to have limitations in the long term, providing scope for new thermoplastic resins, such as ICI's Victrex PEEK or polyether-etherketone.

Compared with traditional thermoset composites, ICI's APC-2 composite based on PEEK (32 per cent) and carbon fibre (68 per cent) offers improved fracture toughness and damage tolerance performance. According to ICI, this composite is regarded as the thermoplastic benchmark for the aerospace industry.

The aerospace industry is said to be increasingly favourable in its opinion of APC-2, and ICI says demonstrator parts such as a tailplane section for Westland helicopters, will shortly be in use.

Already ICI, and its competitors, are working on the next generation of higher temperature polymers for high-speed aircraft where leading-edge components have to withstand continuous use temperatures of 170°C.

Also, there is considerable R & D effort being focused on the interface chemistry between the two constituents (resin and carbon fibre) to ensure the correct interaction and a high level of impregnation of the reinforcement by the polymer matrix.

The market for advanced composites is forecast to achieve a 15 per cent annual growth rate for the next 10 years. Worldwide, the business is considered to be worth in excess of \$1 billion of which 80 per cent has been in the US.

The centre of activity has been the aircraft/aerospace sector where advanced composites have continued to replace primary and secondary metal structures ranging from nose cones and wing components to engine parts and interior construction components.

The key to growth has been the high strength-to-weight ratio of the composite structures which provide for weight reductions, which in turn furnish fuel savings, plus increased range and manoeuvrability of aircraft and missile. Currently, the market is seen to be 80 per cent in aircraft/aerospace, with most of the remaining 20 per cent accounted for by sporting goods.

In Europe, a new association has been established to further the cause of advanced resin-based composites. The European Trade Association of Advanced Composite Materials Suppliers (ETAC) is supported by 80 member companies, including the leading manufacturers of resins and fibres, fibre converters and pre-impregnated materials producers.

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Unemployment continues in double figures, and yet some desirable posts remain unfilled with few suitable applicants. One of the reasons for this is that some posts require the qualified applicant to move home. Traditionally, this has been dealt with as a strictly economic problem, and the solution offered was accordingly purely financial.

The need to fill posts in inconvenient or distant locations as part of a mobile workforce, together with the increasing reluctance of employees to move, has led many companies to question the way they respond to this problem. The more successful companies in this field are those that offer practical as well as financial assistance to help their employees and new recruits to move to a new location.

A sound relocation policy can help to attract qualified candidates to new posts. Like any company policy, it must be based on an analysis of the needs to be satisfied. One of the first steps should therefore be to determine

the objectives of the policy, and how it will apply to current employees and those newly recruited.

Companies cite children's schooling as the most frequent reason for resistance to moves by employees, according to a recent survey of leading UK companies' relocation policies conducted for Merrill Lynch Relocation Management International Ltd. Career disruption of a working spouse was mentioned almost as frequently.

The importance of these two major "lifestyle" issues confirms the need for assistance beyond traditional financial incentives for relocating staff. When these issues are left unanswered, resistance to moving increases. One in five companies interviewed for MLRMI's research said that the level of resistance to moving had increased during the past year. Banks and financial institutions reported significantly higher levels of resistance than other business sectors.

Once an effective and efficiently administered policy has been set

Companies must consider their employees' reluctance to take up certain posts says Nicholas Troilo



up, it is important that current personnel and potential employees are clearly informed of the assistance available. Prompt and full answers to questions will determine the willingness of employees and job applicants to take up their new posts quickly and without excessive disruption of their private lives, thus maintaining productivity. Research by MLRMI has consistently shown that companies consider this far more important than saving money, and yet through effective monitoring of policy direct costs are also controlled.

By keeping in close touch with the new employee, problems can be foreseen before they become serious. Ensuring the employee gets off to the right start increases the likelihood of a long-term successful stay with the company.

Relocation policies cover a variety of expenses. These typically include solicitors' and estate agents' fees, stamp duty, house-hunting trips, removal expenses and disturbance allowances. The assistance offered to newly recruited employees is often not as extensive. The average cost of moving an employee now exceeds £10,000. Consequently, many companies recruit locally for all but the most senior level positions.

However, moving employees through a variety of posts in different locations is often part of their career development, entailing the relocation of junior staff.

Meeting business needs within geographic constraints is an important part of personnel planning. To accomplish this successfully, recruiting practice must be reviewed regularly and company goals. It is also important to analyse the future needs of the organization, and their implications on staff planning.

The financial drain on a company of poor recruitment, mobility and relocation policies is considerable. The results include reduced productivity, the loss of valued employees and settling for a second or third choice to fill a post, because the best candidate will not make the move involved. All these give rise indirectly to high costs.

Maintaining productivity and profit levels requires the correct balance of assistance for employees against cost. When companies formulate their relocation policies, they focus on reducing aggravation for employees and maintaining their productivity during the relocation phase. At the same time, they need to relieve the

personnel department's workload and avoid giving the personnel director responsibility for areas outside his expertise. To achieve the correct balance, specialized knowledge and skills must be applied.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the number of British companies using relocation consultants has increased significantly during the past three years, especially in the service sector and among companies moving 50 or more people per year.

These trend-setting organizations are among Britain's leading companies. They recognize that to attract the best candidate to the right job at the required location necessitates analysing lifestyle trends and responding to them.

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Although it is relatively easy to enter the road transport business, to make a company viable requires ingenuity and expertise. Roger Jones considers the challenge that confronts the transport manager



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"Diplomacy can be a challenging job, but no more so than any other. In fact, I would say that managing a transport office is a much more exacting task."

This sentiment expressed years ago by a senior diplomat in a beleaguered Asian capital came back to me recently as I was sitting in the office of a road haulage contractor. While there were very few trucks in evidence, the place was a bewildering hub of activity.

A driver phoned in to report a vehicle breakdown at Matlock. A customer enquired whether a load could be collected for Italy in three hours time. A Department of Transport official arrived to check the firm's Tachograph cards, between interruptions the beleaguered traffic officer still had to find return loads for vehicles about to arrive at Fort William, Falmouth and Felixstowe.

No doubt, similar scenes were being enacted at the offices of a good many of the other 124,000 licensed truck operators up and down the country. If this seems a lot of firms, one has to remember that 70 per cent of them are very small operations owning just one or two vehicles.

It is, after all, relatively easy to gain entry to the road transport industry. All you need is a second-hand truck and an operator's licence, you're in business. However, to make that business viable and successful requires ingenuity and expertise. And this is where the professional transport manager comes in.

It is convenient to divide the industry into two categories. Firstly, there are the own account operators, whose interests are looked after by the Freight Transport Association. These are organisations such as supermarkets and breweries that maintain their own fleet of vehicles to distribute their goods.

The other type of operator is the professional haulier who carries other companies' goods for a fee, and he is represented by the Road Haulage Association. Such firms can carry anything from tin-whistles to timber, and their profit is derived solely from the carriage of other people's goods.

Some may specialise - in the carriage of parcels, bulk haulage or general haulage, for example, and although the road transport lobby in this country is reckoned to be influential, this does not mean that ownership of a truck or a fleet of trucks is a licence to print money. Far from it. Government legislation, high fuel prices, depressed rates and strong competition mean that hard work alone is no guarantee of success. You have to be efficient, as well.

Greater efficiency can only be achieved through better planning and co-ordination, and in this regard it is noticeable that while the number of operatives currently hovers about the 90 per cent level, the proportion of managerial and clerical staff has increased considerably during the last two decades.

A transport officer in an own account operation is concerned primarily with the efficient distribution of goods. He has to optimise the routing of his vehicles in order to save time and particularly fuel. (An articulated vehicle runs at six or seven miles to the gallon.) In some cases he (or she) might well decide it would be cheaper to call in an outside contractor.

Apart from vehicle scheduling transport management can also entail responsibility for vehicle maintenance and warehousing. And while large firms are starting to use computers to take the donkey work out of the day to day routine, in the final analysis it is the transport manager's judgement that counts.

For the road haulage contractor there is the added necessity of making a profit. Because margins are tiny, loads have to be costed very precisely and every effort made to obtain an adequate rate. Once a journey has been arranged, the hauler has to find a customer close to a vehicle's destination in order to arrange a return load.

"If I see an unladen trailer coming into this yard, it breaks my heart." The managing director of the small, but successful road haulage firm I was talking to, had good reason to express concern. In the competitive business of road haulage running your vehicles empty for long stretches is the sure road to ruin.

What sort of qualities does a transport manager need? Man-management abilities are certainly of great importance, since the job entails motivating and

controlling a dispersed workforce of independent outposts.

It helps also to be methodical and cool-headed. The situation can change from hour to hour, and success depends on one's capacity to juggle with delivery times, part loads, customer preferences and a hundred other considerations.

In a haulage company commercial acumen is of paramount importance. A manager has to be able to cost loads at the drop of a hat and decide on the spot whether to accept a rate or hold out for more. It is unusual to get much advance notice of customers' requirements and last minute changes of plan tend to be the rule rather than the exception. Persistence is another quality much to be desired.

It is surprising the number of firms which operate on the Continent as well; such trips have to be prepared with the thoroughness of a military campaign. There are permits to be applied for, visas to be obtained and all manner of international documentation to be com-

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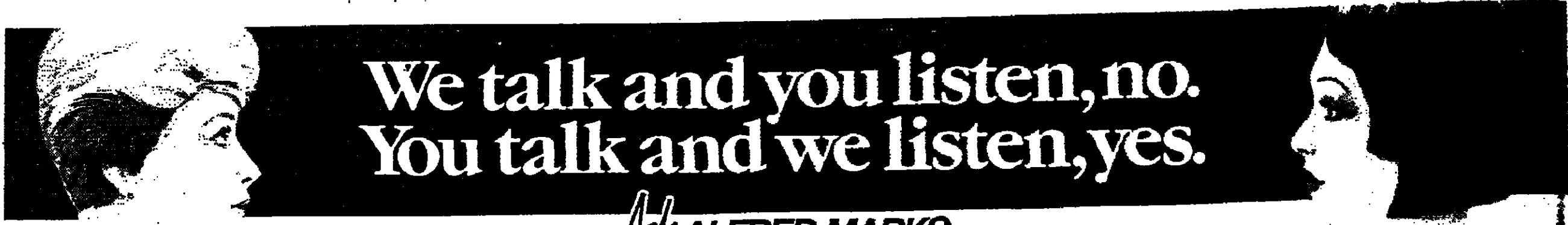
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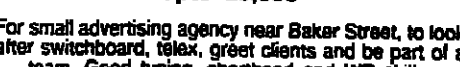


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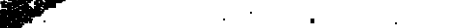
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The Gleneagles

Declaration was meant to underline the Commonwealth's rejection of sporting links with South Africa. Instead, it created mistrust and misunderstanding, threats and deceit. In this extract from his new book, Neil Macfarlane (above), Britain's Minister for Sport from 1981 to 1985, reveals the intrigue and the in-fighting.



Leaders at odds over apartheid: Malcolm Fraser (above), and his New Zealand counterpart, Robert Muldoon (below), held contrasting views over tours to South Africa, such as that by the English cricketer Graham Gooch (left)



Malcolm Fraser, the former Prime Minister of Australia, is a member of what Australians call the squatterocracy: the wealthy farmers of that country whose lineage is long and distinguished. He has an 8000-acre property, which he inherited from his father, situated in the merino and beef lands of the Western District of Victoria.

He became Liberal Prime Minister in 1975 and, during his eight years in office, he turned out to be — somewhat surprisingly, considering his patrician image — a fierce opponent of apartheid. He was responsible for maintaining Australia's hard line towards South Africa and, together with Mrs Indira Gandhi, of India, and Pierre Trudeau, of Canada, he was largely responsible for the shaping of the Gleneagles Declaration in 1977.

much flak you're going to get as a result of those decisions in the long term."

I have often wondered if the flak he received over his stance towards South Africa helped remove him from office in 1983.

We first met at a reception during the 1982 Commonwealth Games at Brisbane. He got me into a corner and, looking down from his height of 6ft 4in, he poked me in the chest with his finger. "Are the Brits with us?" he asked.

He was referring to a code of conduct and amendments to the constitution of the Commonwealth Games Federation, the effect of which would have been to make individual Commonwealth Games councils responsible for the conduct of governing bodies of sports outside the Games. In other words, the English Games Council would be required to shoulder responsibility for, say, the actions of the Rugby Union, an autonomous body over which it had no control and with which it had no connection.

asked: "Why are we supporting this if they aren't?"

Fraser, a great admirer of Mrs Thatcher and her style of government, seemed taken aback that England was not wholeheartedly behind the proposed change in constitution. He was acknowledged to be a morally upright man, but, of course, there were other more subtle reasons why Australia should be seen to be supporting a strengthening of the overall thrust of the Code of Conduct.

The first, and most immediate, was that it was important to the country that the Brisbane Games were a success. A second, and less public, reason was the impending election of a successor to Sir Alexander Ross, who was retiring as chairman of the Commonwealth Games Federation, and Leslie Martyn, president of Australia's Commonwealth Games Association, was being pushed hard as an Australian successor. Thirdly, Fraser was preparing for a general election some months later and knew he was under pressure from the Labour Party.

For the first time in the Federation's history, there was to be an election to decide Ross' successor. Previously, the outgoing chairman nominated the person to take his place, but there were six candidates to go before the Brisbane meeting, including Sir Roger Bannister, of England, Peter Healy, of Scotland, and Leslie Martyn. In the event, Bannister and Martyn were well beaten, with the vote going to Healy.

procedure is not due to any lack of personal sympathy for the Code of the Gleneagles Declaration, or any wish to reject the code — but I seek your permission to make a statement to this meeting.

"As chairman of the Commonwealth Games Council for England, I attend this general assembly as the servant of my council and, as their servant, my mandate is crystal clear. The English Commonwealth Games Council will, and does, accept responsibility for the full implementation of the philosophy of the Gleneagles Declaration in all those sports over which it has jurisdiction or authority, and will give it wholehearted support. I am not, however, empowered to go beyond my mandate."

The second was from L. O. Adegbite, of Nigeria, who declared: "We of Nigeria would like it placed on record that we are unhappy with the modifications which have been made to some of the clauses agreed upon by the consensus at the meeting of September 27. They have had the effect of watering down some of the decisions in the Code of Conduct and some parts of the amendments to the constitution that we all agreed upon last week."

In other words, the code went 100 far for English consumption, not for the benefit of Nigeria and, at the end of the day, just as heads of government interpret the Gleneagles Declaration to suit their nations, so the leaders of Commonwealth sport will interpret the Code as they see fit.

It was Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, who declared: "In the application of the Gleneagles Declaration, the cap will have to fit each nation."

The Australians had always been sensitive to the threat of a boycott by the black African nations, especially as Brisbane was formally made host city for 1982 during the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. Those Olympics had been hit by a boycott of African nations, led by Tanzania, who had failed in a demand for the expulsion from the Olympic movement of New Zealand because a rugby team from that

nation had made a tour of South Africa.

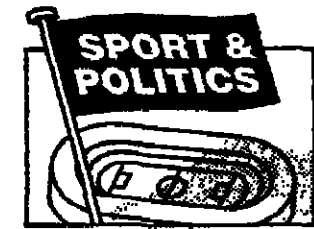
Earlier in 1976, Muldoon, a politician who didn't like to be pushed around by anyone, had won an election in New Zealand in which freedom for rugby players to tour without government interference had been a strong point.

Not long afterwards, a tour to South Africa was announced by the All Blacks and events were compounded by riots in Soweto, the black township on the outskirts of Johannesburg, in which dozens of people died.

In 1980 the British Lions rugby union team toured South Africa, the following year the South African Springboks toured New Zealand; and in the spring of 1982, six months before Brisbane, a party of English cricketers formed a "rebel" tour to South Africa.

There had seemed to be some progress in easing the threat to the 1982 Commonwealth Games and in re-establishing Britain's commitment to the Gleneagles Declaration when a hammer blow was dealt by some of England's Test cricketers becoming part of an illegal tour to South Africa. Five of them had been on England's winter visit to India. When that tour ended, in mid-February, they had flown by devious means to South Africa.

At the time, the duplicitous action — as I described it then, and since when I have had no reason to change my opinion — not only shook cricket's governing body, the Test and County Cricket Board, but also severely dented the reputa-



GOLF Rookie award confirms talent

By Mitchell Platt

tion of Britain within the Commonwealth.

Within two years of the 1980 British Lions rugby tour to South Africa, another group of British sportsmen was setting foot in the Republic. By luring five members of the current Test squad, plus former England Test and county players, South Africa had pulled off a considerable coup as well as making it appear to Commonwealth leaders, already suspicious, that Britain was continuing to give official support to sporting links with South Africa.

I had spoken to the TCCB, making it perfectly plain what I thought of the action of the players. I could understand, however, the dilemma in which the Board found itself.

The previous August it had issued an edict warning players not to tour South Africa as a team, but the TCCB had to tread carefully because county cricketers are not tied to clubs in the close season, and it had suffered, in cricketing parlance, an innings defeat four years earlier when an attempt had been made to ban players who joined Kerry Barker's World Series. At the time, the term "restraint of trade" had figured prominently in legal arguments with disastrous effect to the TCCB.

And if, for example, Graham Gooch had not broken the law of the land (which he hadn't) and was not in breach of contract with his county, Essex (which he wasn't), how could he be punished? Indeed, could he be punished?

The TCCB's answer was to impose three-year England bans on the whole party, explaining that, first and foremost, the Board had to protect the financial security of the first-class game in this country in the face of pressure from, in particular, three members of the ICC — India, Pakistan and the West Indies. It had to protect the jobs of more than 300 county cricketers and where could it get the money, it asked, if India and Pakistan were to cancel their 1982 tours to England? In effect, the bans were imposed not so much to punish the players but to appease the governments of the two Asian countries.

Late in 1982, a party of Sri Lankans led by Bandula Warnapura, a former Test captain, toured South Africa, incurring 25-year bans by the Sri Lankan Cricket Board.

Even more controversially, in January 1983, it was announced that a West Indian team under the captaincy of Lawrence Rowe was on its way to South Africa. The rebel West Indians included players of such stature as Collis King, Alvin Kalicharran and Sylvester Clarke, and world-wide reaction was predictable.

All the players were banned from Test cricket, some from domestic cricket, and, outside the West Indies, there were hysterical reactions from many, including Malcolm Fraser. He demanded that all participants be banned from Australia, a blanket condemnation which turned out to be somewhat unfortunate because the West Indian wicketkeeper, David Murray, happened to have an Australian wife and daughter and an Australian home.

During my four years in office, I tried to be a strong supporter of the importance of the established autonomy of sports organizations — international as well as domestic — and I always have been determined to do what I can to sustain this and to resist pressure to use sport for political purposes.

However, one must be realistic. Pressure groups might pretend otherwise, but politics are now an important factor on the international sporting scene. Alas, none of us can ignore that fact of modern life.

"Sport and Politics: A world divided by Neil Macfarlane (to be published on November 3 by Collins Willow, price £12.95).

TOMORROW The pressures brought on Britain to join the Olympic boycott.

Jose-Maria Olazabal was yesterday confirmed as Henry Cotton's Rookie-of-the-Year on the 1986 PGA European tour. The award came as no surprise following an astonishing season for the Spaniard, in which he won two tournaments and earned £136,775 in official money for second place behind his compatriot, Severiano Ballesteros, in the Epson Order of Merit.

Cotton, the three-times British Open champion, said: "I have studied Olazabal in action and he has impressed me as a young man whose outstanding talent promises a great future. Watching him develop his ability to be exciting for everybody involved in the world of golf."

The Rookie-of-the-Year award began in 1960 and Olazabal, who will receive a cheque for £2,000, follows in the footsteps of players such as Tony Jacklin, Sandy Lyle, Bernard Gallacher, Peter Oosterhuis, Sam Torrance, Mike Faldo and Gordon Brand jun.

Olazabal, aged 20, who is based in San Sebastian, initially came to prominence when he became the first Spaniard to complete the treble of the British amateur, youths, and boys' championships, and then went on to win the PGA European tour's Order of Merit in La Manga, Spain, in November.

In his first full season as a professional, Olazabal won the Ebel European Masters with a 26-under-par score of 262 and, five weeks later, the Epson Open with a 15-under-par aggregate of 273.

In all, he played in 19 events on the 1986 tour, finishing in the money on all but one occasion, and he had eight finishes in the top 10. He became the first rookie since Gordon Brand jun, in 1982, to win twice in one season.

Four peace Fronte Vedia, Florida (AP) — Mac O'Grady, the American professional golfer, has withdrawn his \$12-million (about £8,500,000) suit against the PGA Tour and Deane Beman, the Commissioner of Brady, who has a \$1,000 fine and recently completed a six-event suspension for misconduct, had filed an anti-trust suit, claiming that the ban was depriving him of making a living.

EQUESTRIANISM Americans clinch first title

Landover, Maryland (Reuter) — Katie Monahan produced two faultless rides on Beaubien to win the American team — the first all-American American squad in the Washington international horse show on Tuesday. The United States had only eight faults in the \$10,000, about 47,000 eventing teams, who each had four riders. Britain were second with 16 faults.

Monahan, Katharine Burdall, Lisa Tarnopol and Anne Kursinski made up the American team — the first all-American American squad in the Washington show's history. Burdall and Tarnopol also had clear rounds over the 15-fence obstacle course, as did the British riders Nicky Attton, on Raffles Apollo, and Malcolm Pyrah, on Towerland's Anglezark.

Alexa Bell, of Canada, on Ferner and Lisa Carlsen, riding Kalan also had clear rounds. Hugh Galbraith, of Canada, the leading international rider at the show, had the roughest two rounds of the evening, totalling 16 faults, but they were not counted in the team total for the Nation's Cup.

Further, even if that had been established, the judge had been entirely correct in his finding that the Ramsay and Furniss v Dawson principles applied to the scheme with the result that the disposal occurring during the company's accounting period after liquidation had taken place.

Law Society results The results of the Law Society Summer final examination will be published tomorrow

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Court of Appeal

Civil standard of proof in contempt proceedings

Scheme to avoid gains tax fails

West Oxfordshire District Council v Beratec Ltd Before Mr Justice Hutchison (Judgment October 20) The correct standard of proof to be applied in proceedings in relation to the breach of an undertaking given to the court was the civil standard, namely, proof on the balance of probabilities, but the court should not regard that burden as having been discharged unless the evidence adduced was cogent and convincing. In cases where the relevant court order or undertaking given by the defendant was unqualified in its terms, and the plaintiff had proved that the order had not been complied with, it was no answer to a charge of contempt for the defendant to prove that non-compliance was casual or inadvertent and accidental.

MR JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that the defendants had been given planning permission in 1984 to set up and operate a process involving the biofermentation of waste products to convert them into animal foodstuff. Despite assurances from the defendants before setting up the plant that there would be no smell from the process, it was common ground that an objectionable level of smell emanated from the plant. The defendants contended that they had taken such measures so that any nuisance there might have been ceased, but the residents said that there was little if any improvement from the level of smells experienced. His Lordship said that the present proceedings had been brought pursuant to Order 45,

rule 5(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and it was well established that an undertaking given to the court was equivalent to an injunction so that its breach might be punished in the same way as a breach of an injunction. Mr Beloff submitted that what was required was proof on the balance of probabilities subject to the qualification that the more serious the allegation sought to be proved, and the more dire the consequences to the defendant if proved, the more cogent and convincing would be the evidence the court required before finding against the defendant. He relied upon R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja [1984] AC 74, [12] per Lord Scarman. Mr Desch contended that the rule was that the criminal burden of proof applied, relying upon In re Brinkley Ltd [1970] Ch 128, 137 per Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls. His Lordship said that Mr Desch was right to say that the relevant burden could not be determined by the question whether, if the charge were proved, the defendant was going to be deprived of his liberty; in contempt cases, where an individual defendant was concerned, there was always a risk that that consequence would follow, and sequestration for a

corporate defendant was at least as serious a consequence. Accordingly, there had to be a single rule which applied to all cases where breach of an order or undertaking was in question; there was force in Mr Beloff's submissions that the present proceedings were civil proceedings despite the possibly serious consequences of an adverse finding, and that there was much to be said for refusing to introduce into civil proceedings the criminal burden of proof. The court, therefore, had to be satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the plaintiffs had established the breaches relied on, subject to the necessity for the evidence adduced being cogent and convincing in the highest degree before that burden of proof was discharged. If the evidence established that the defendant's activities were so conducted as to give rise to a nuisance, the question arose whether that evidence alone sufficed to establish that the defendants were in contempt of court, or whether some fault or willfulness had to be established. Mr Desch contended that the casual or accidental and unintentional breach of an undertaking did not amount to a contempt; Mr Beloff submitted that where, as in the present case, the undertaking was absolutely unqualified, any nuisance, however arising,

constituted a breach and necessarily amounted to a contempt. He contended further that if the court found the breach casual or accidental and unintentional that should be reflected in the penalty. His Lordship said that it was plain from the judgment of Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice, in Fairclough and Sons v Manchester Ship Canal Co No 2 (1897) 41 Sol J 225, that where the breach was casual or accidental and unintentional there was a contempt of court, but those features were grounds for mitigating the penalty. Prior to 1965 the relevant rule was Order 42, rule 31 which contained a reference to wilful disobedience which was not in the present rule. Order 45, rule 5(1). In Lord Wilberforce's speech in Healds Wilsons (St Helens) Ltd v Transport and General Workers Union (1973) AC 15, 106-110) there was support for the contention that the plea that the breach was casual or accidental and unintentional went to mitigation of penalty only. The editors of the Supreme Court Practice 1985, in Note 45/5/5, at p667, derived a different interpretation from those cases and from Stancomb v Townbridge LDC [1910] 2 Ch 190, 194.

In the latter case, which was concerned with an order in which appeared the word "wilfully", it was clear that the court regarded acts which were casual or accidental and unintentional as not amounting to wilful disobedience to the court's order. His Lordship's conclusion, which was consistent with the cases and with the omission from Order 45, rule 5(1), of the word "wilfully", was that where the relevant court order or defendant's undertaking was absolutely unqualified in its terms (the plaintiff having proved the defendant's non-compliance with it), it was no answer to a contempt charge to prove that the non-compliance was casual or inadvertent and accidental. Those features, if proved, went only to the question of what if any penalty should be imposed. Having considered the evidence, His Lordship concluded that the defendants had broken their unqualified undertaking on several occasions and were in contempt, that the breaches were not casual or accidental and inadvertent, but that their conduct was nevertheless very different from that which ordinarily attracted the epithet "contumacious". Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Mr J. Abbey, Witney; Richards Butler.

Magnavox Electronics Co Ltd (in liquidation) v Hall (Inspector of Taxes) A scheme designed to avoid liability to tax on chargeable gains accruing to a company on the sale of its factory premises did not achieve its purpose. It failed to ensure that the disposal took place under a contract made during an earlier accounting period in which trading losses were available for set-off. Moreover, the scheme could not have succeeded in its purpose because the principles to counteract tax avoidance laid down by the House of Lords in W. T. Ramsay Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners [1982] AC 300, and in Furniss v Dawson [1984] AC 474 applied. The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson) so held unanimously on October 13 dismissing an appeal by the company, Magnavox Electronics Co Ltd (in liquidation) from a decision of Mr Justice Nicholls in the Chancery Division (The Times, February 28, 1985; [1985] STC 260).

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the company claimed that it was entitled under the provisions of paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 10 to the Finance Act 1977 to set off its pre-liquidation trading losses against the gain from the sale of its Barking factory in a subsequent accounting period. Mr Justice Nicholls had been correct in holding that the scheme entered into by the company after the initial purchase of the factory to counteract tax avoidance was not successful in establishing that the original contract as varied was the contract under which the premises were eventually disposed of. Further, even if that had been established, the judge had been entirely correct in his finding that the Ramsay and Furniss v Dawson principles applied to the scheme with the result that the disposal occurring during the company's accounting period after liquidation had taken place.

but kill The Bald Eagle soaring high

England's trip off the tourist map barely worth the air sickness

England's 50-overs match proved to be scarcely worth the air sickness several players experienced in the light aircraft in which they travelled to it from Adelaide...

What a beautiful day for Pakistan

After Pakistan won the first Test match by 186 runs yesterday, Vivian Richards, the West Indies captain, admitted it was the worst moment he had known in West Indian cricket...

Britain clutching at straws

At first there was an overwhelming sense of having suffered again from one of those nightmares that keep coming back. Yet there were straws to clutch at, even though they were slender...

Second international a near sell-out

With 10,000 seats already sold, the second international between Great Britain and Australia at Elland Road on Saturday week seems likely to be a sell-out with a maximum crowd of 39,000...



Wightman Cup newcomers facing a war of nerves

For three days, the Anglo-American women's tennis set have something more interesting to worry about than the treadmill of the international circuit and the competitive validity, but the players find it an intense strain on the nerves...

Nightmare for Dowdeswell

Colin Dowdeswell, the only British player who bothered to make the quick trip to the Paris Open, where prize money, ATP points and La Vie Parisienne were in plentiful supply, could be excused for thinking his first-round doubles match was just a bad dream...

Prize duel for the crown Gomez victory is unpopular

Antwerp (Reuters) - Ivan Lendl, who won a diamond-encrusted gold racket for his third victory in the European Community Championship tennis tournament last year, has been named top seed in next week's event...

Mets' success has limited appeal

New York (AP) - Winning the World Series will mean a ticker-tape parade to honour the city's new heroes. "In terms of personal appearance, this skyrocketed it," said Marty Blackman, the president of Blackman and Raber Ltd., a New York-based consulting firm...

Czech competitor is cleared of cheating charges

Richard Konkolski, the Czechoslovak defector, competing in his second single-handed round the world yacht race, was cleared late on Tuesday night of charges that he used the engine aboard his yacht Declaration of Independence to propel her during periods of calm on the first leg of the BOC Challenge from Newport Rhode Island to Cape Town...

Taskforce of the high-tech seas

Adjacent to the twin steering wheels on each Kookaburra 12-metre is a flat, circular MicroVox computer. The "table-top" is a revolving screen that can swivel to face the helmsman. During pre-race briefings, the skipper usually tells the helmsman how long it would take him to get to the line...

Briars is ready for the world

Gavin Briars, the former national champion, revealed how well prepared he is for next week's World Open Championship in Toulouse when he wore a dark, well-tailored suit and a white shirt with a red tie...

England miss chance

England travelled to Oldham for their second match against China yesterday knowing that, but for a bit of luck and two narrowly missed match points in a thrilling climax at Portsmouth on Tuesday, they would by now have an excellent chance of winning the three-match series...

Baseball

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Vasco Moroe 2, Home Ales Nottingham 3; Arleigh Hall 0, Poveydown 2; G. Chapman 2, Alan 3, Nails West Country 2; Manchester 2, Arrow Village 0; St. Leonards 2, Arrow Village 0. 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Kent put up a brave show but Middlesex take honours

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent Middlesex... 28 Kent... 10

Middlesex virtually ensured a place at the top of group A in the London division of the county championship...

For a long time it seemed there would be no other score before the interval...

France unchanged

Toulouse (AFP) - France will retain the side which won 20-3 in Romania last weekend...



Riding high: Cheval, of Kent, reigning in a lineout yesterday (Photograph: Peter Llewellyn)

Mankee back for Cornwall

By David Hands Robert Mankee, the experienced Cornish scrum half, has been recalled by Cornwall...

On this occasion, Bob Henderson was playing for the Navy and kicked their penalty on Saturday week...

Dumitru promoted

By Chris Than George Dumitru, the veteran lock forward, will captain his country against Ireland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday...

SNOOKER

Thorburn's return marked by failure

From a Correspondent Toronto Cliff Thorburn's return to his native Toronto for the BCE Canadian Masters ended in an embarrassing failure yesterday...

ROWING

Registration puts a rocky boat on a more even keel

By Jim Raitton Rowing has been given the task of raising more money from inside the sport to meet ambitious targets within its five-year plan...

HOCKEY

Rush breaks the Oxford duck

By Sydney Friskin Maidenhead launched an early offensive in the second half but it was not long before Oxford were again on the move...

GOLF

Americans thrive on team spirit

The top 12 players on the American LPGA Tour meet the top 12 on the Japanese Tour in the \$200,000 (about £142,000) Nishinomiya Cup...

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Table listing results for various sports including Littlewoods Cup, Southern League, Scottish League, and others.

RUGBY UNION

Tour matches: Provence-Littoral 6, New Zealanders 25. Club matches: Northampton 25, Munster 6.

FOR THE RECORD

Table listing records for various sports including Basketball, Golf, Cricket, Cycling, Equestrianism, and Rugby Union.

Advertisements for Littlewoods Pools, Vernons Pools, and Zettlers, featuring pool games and prize money.

Orr finds destiny beckoning

By George Ace Philip Orr, the 'iron man' of Irish rugby, will set a world record of 51 appearances for his country as a front row forward when he plays against Romania at Lansdowne Road on Saturday...



Orr: Irish iron-man

The English iron was in-credibly advancing in mission on the Irish line. Instead, they had to settle for a penalty try.

TENNIS

Handicapped tennis players... RESULTS: Jones 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; Jones 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.

Jones operation

Adrian Jones, the Sussex fast bowler, has had an exploratory operation on his left knee.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing today's fixtures for Football, Rugby Union, and Other Sport.

SPORT

Chorley upset by police ruling

Chorley's big day has been spoiled by the local police, who have banned their FA Cup first round clash against Wolverhampton Wanderers from going ahead at Victory Park.

Davies set to return 'home'

Gordon Davies, the former Welsh international striker, has agreed terms with Fulham, and is set to rejoin the club that launched his League career.

Oldham sign Callaghan

Oldham Athletic's manager Joe Royle yesterday made his second signing in six days when he paid £10,000 to Stoke City for Aaron Callaghan, the Republic of Ireland under 21 defender.

Spectator fine for Shamrock

Shamrock Rovers, the League of Ireland champions, have been fined £2,000 by the U.E.F.A. because they failed to segregate spectators properly at their European Cup game against Glasgow Celtic at Milltown on September 17.

Shrewsbury's board of directors have rejected a written transfer request from Republic of Ireland midfielder player, Gerry Daly.

Accountants - who, according to Madeley, are specialists in receivership - spent most of Tuesday going through Halifax's books and a report by the club's financial advisers

Yugoslav display contains little to trouble Robson

From Stuart Jones Football Correspondent Split

Yugoslavia, the nation with one of the best records against England, suggested last night that they may be a genuine threat to Bobby Robson's side and their ambitions of reaching the finals of the European Championships.

The two countries, who meet at Wembley in a fortnight, stand together at the head of group four, although Yugoslavia lead on goal difference.

Against Turkey here yesterday they sprinkled enough moments of quality during an otherwise lethargic stroll to confirm that they will be difficult to break down and to contain. In the absence of Siskovic, their most gifted individual, Skoro and Milinac stood out in midfield and Zlatko Vujovic emerged as their sharpest weapon.

Russians score four

Simferopol (AFP) - The Soviet Union, with three goals in the first half, beat Norway 4-0 in their first home match in the European Championship qualifying group three here yesterday.

Halifax might not survive

Halifax Town will hold a board meeting today which will decide the future of the club. On Tuesday the Halifax chairman, John Madeley, said that the official receiver had already been called in although he later denied this. Halifax have debts of almost £300,000, of which £76,000 is owed to the Inland Revenue.

ative department, they dismantled the Turks with a sense of touch and a speed of movement that should have brought them a much more substantial victory.

For the opening 20 minutes the Yugoslavs resembled a group that were strangers rather than a squad that had lived together for a week inside the stadium itself. The

crowd, scattered thinly across the terraces, were justifiably displeased with a pattern that was disjointed and with an approach that was uncertain.

But once the relatively young and inexperienced side had taken the lead, they relaxed and so did the audience. The Turks, after a start that was full of unlikely promise for Robson, were subsequently exposed for their enormous deficiencies which were later to reach the heights of embarrassment.

Humiliated 8-0 by England during the qualifying stages of the last World Cup, they were

saved from a defeat of similar proportions by a goalkeeper with the unlikely name of Fatih. His title may compare up an image of Billy Bunter but he was built more along the lines of Olive Oil.

With his elongated limbs, he denied the Yugoslavs, especially on either side of the hour. Yet he was vulnerable in the air as were his defensive colleagues, and this flaw was to prove their downfall before the interval. Both of their early mistakes were punished by the more attacking of the Vujovic twins.

An employee of Bordeaux, he struck in the 25th and 33rd minutes. He could scarcely have been given more time to roll in his first goal off a post or a more generous gift by Turkey's captain, Yusuf, to claim his second. "They were absolute presents," Robson said later, "and after that they caved in."

The introduction of Tuce lifted Yugoslavia's challenge and Savievic, another substitute, and Vujovic put them further ahead within the closing quarter of an hour. Robson, though impressed by "the little gem" called Tuce, saw nothing to fear in Yugoslavia's curiously languid performance. "They didn't play particularly well," he stated.

"Siskovic may make a difference," he added, "but he will have to. They weren't as good as when I saw them in Paris a year ago and I cannot remember seeing so many misplaced passes in an international match. The Turks were, if anything, worse than when we beat them."

YUGOSLAVIA: M Ravnice; Z O Vujovic, M Bagic, R Sabanadzovic, M Baner, M Jovanovic, H Gicic, S Cukan, S Katanec, R Milijevic (sub: S Tuci), M Monaric, Z L Vujovic.

TURKEY: Yusuf, K Kismet, Erdogan, Savas, Metin, Ugur, Tarpi, Erdal, Senol.

Referee: C Longhi (Italy).

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Shipshape: the crew of Britain's America's Cup challenger, White Crusader, lumber up for the next series of races aboard HMS Manchester, a Royal Navy destroyer, in Fremantle

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Madden dismissal causes confusion

Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, has claimed that Lawrie Madden's sending off in his team's 4-0 Littlewood's Cup defeat at Everton on Wednesday night was prompted by a case of mistaken identity.

The centre half was dismissed by the referee, Malcolm Heath, of Stoke-on-Trent, for a 69th minute foul on the Everton forward Graeme Sharp, his second bookable offence. But the controversy surrounded his first booking, also for a foul in the 50th minute. Wednesday claim that the guilty player was not Madden but fellow defender, Paul Hart.

"The referee blew for a foul by Hart and then booked Madden," Wilkinson said. "Referees make mistakes. We received a circular about mistaken identity but when I went to clear up the matter with the referee after the game, it was told to go away. It would have been a couple more. They played well and took their chances but we didn't get off the ground."

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Garner lashes out at length

By Ivo Tennant

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Garner said that in June Roebuck had asked him if he would like to play in one-day cricket and coach next year. "As long as I stay fit I can offer a lot more," Garner said. "I told Peter that he and others at the club were insulting my intelligence as a cricketer and as a person. I do not rate Peter as a captain - he thinks of himself instead of the team."

"Iv Richards and I should not be made scapegoats for poor results. If we go, and Ian Botham leaves with us, the club will be back where it started. Brian Langford (chairman of the cricket committee) said to me that in order for the club to go forward it first has to go backward," he said.

"The club has made mistakes since I came here and has been mismanaged. Burgess and Moseley have gone and have not been replaced. Botham and Dredge are not the same bowlers, yet I am blamed when we do not take wickets and my bowling is compared to my Test achievements, when I had better support. How many Somerset players could command places in another county team?"

When asked whether allegations that he did not help Somerset's young players were true, Garner said: "A lot of them found it difficult to ask a question but they do not find it hard to approach me. Ivv helps them, too."

"I have also been accused of being disruptive. If speaking one's mind is disruptive then I am. If I see things that are wrong in West Indies or in Somerset I point them out."

In response to other questions, Garner said this was not a race issue, that he had had "run-ins" with two committee men during the summer and that various committee members thought Botham was big-headed. "If the intention was to get rid of Ian by sacking us, then that was stupid," Garner said.

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Sheridan has to wait. John Sheridan, the promising Leeds United midfielder, has been called up for the first time by the Republic of Ireland for their friendly international against Poland on November 12. But the former Republic youth and under-21 international may not make the journey to Warsaw. Only 18 of the 22-strong squad will be travelling to the Polish capital, and the manager, Jack Charlton, said: "John has a great future, but I don't think he is quite in the international class as yet."

At the same time, Charlton admits he is anticipating a number of withdrawals because of club commitments. Niall Quinn, of Arsenal, and Mick Kennedy, of Portsmouth, who played against Iceland and Czechoslovakia in friendlies last summer, have also been named.

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Another chance. Tom Collins, the former British light-heavyweight champion from Leeds, has been given another chance to recapture the title which, at present, is held by the World Boxing Council champion, Dennis Andries. Collins lost the title to Andries in January 1984, and made an unsuccessful bid to regain it three months later.

He has been matched with John Moody, of Rayleigh, in an eliminator which will be promoted by Mike Barrett at the York Hall, London, on January 8.

Free wheeling. Dortmund (Reuter) - Danny Clark, of Australia, and Tony Doyle, of Great Britain, won the Dortmund six-day cycle race last night, their second successive six-day event victory within a week.

Ladies first. The world's top women fencers will fight next week at the Northgate Sports Centre, Ipswich, in the first international épée championship to be staged in Britain. About 60 contestants are expected, and Andrea de Bunsen, the Commonwealth gold medal winner, said: "The épée was for a long time regarded as a men's weapon, but now it is popular with women and can soon become an Olympic event for ladies."

Tickets only. Oldham have made their Rugby League match against the popular Australian tourists next Tuesday an all-ticket affair at the request of the police. There will be a capacity of 7,400 for the first visit of the Australians to Oldham since 1973.

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Final touch

Ray Howell, an engineer from Manchester, put the finishing touches to a brilliant win by Chorlton-cum-Hardy in the Hennessey Cognac national pro-am golf championship at the Princess Country Club in the Bahamas. In a dramatic climax to the 54 holes, better-ball, competition, Howell, aged 33, earned his club professional, David Streston, the £3,000 transfer fee. He made an eight-foot putt for a birdie at the first extra hole. It made amends for his three putts at the 18th, which allowed Sundridge Park, Kent, to tie on 205 with a final round 73. Chorlton finished with a 69.

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Palmer calls it a day

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Palmer, aged 39, who was capped twice in South Africa in 1984 and as a replacement against Ireland last season, no longer has the commitment required for international rugby. "I have been thinking for some time about how much longer I was going to play," Palmer said yesterday. "I have been in top rugby for 12 years and I have decided now just to play for enjoyment with Bath."

He will not be available for the divisional championship either, which opens the way for a potentially exciting combination of Knibbs and Simon Halford in the south-western division. Palmer went to Canada with the under-23 squad in 1977 and first be-

came an England squad member a year later.

He was a replacement in the grand-slam season of 1980 but did not win his first cap until the 1984 England tour to South Africa, when his tackling - as much as the elusive running which made him a promising stand-off half in his early years - won him a place. Earlier this year he captained England's B team in Italy.

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Boost for cricket in Wales

By Mike Berry

A side representing Wales has been elected into the Minor Counties championship from the 1988 season onwards. They were accepted at yesterday's Minor Counties meeting at Lord's and will replace Somerset second XI.

Somerset had given an obligatory year's notice of their intention to pull out of the competition at the end of the 1987 campaign due to their increased commitments with the second XI championship and the Bain Dawes Trophy.

The Welsh side will be known as the Wales Minor Counties XI and will be the first newcomer into the championship for over 30 years. Shropshire were the last new county when they joined in 1957.

George August, chairman of the Minor Counties Cricket Association, said: "Wales were prepared to take over Somerset's fixtures for next season but it was felt that it would be a lot tidier for things to stay as they are and to season."

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